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## GREAT BRITAIN PREPARING TO CARRY ON WAR WITH GREATER VIGOR; FRONTS IN FRANCE AND MACEDONIA EXTENDED

Opinion in London That Germany is So Anxious for Peace That She Will Make Concessions to End Hostilities; Reply to President Wilson's Note Regarded as Clever Manoeuvre

London, Dec. 28.—(By Arthur S. Draper.)—Germany's reply to President Wilson is generally regarded here as a clever manoeuvre to draw out the allies' terms, but such haste to get in first may prove a boomerang. The Teutons have left an opening through which the allies are bound to send home a crashing blow. Opinion still holds firm here that there is really a strong demand for peace throughout Germany, coupled with a willingness to pay as big a price as the allies stand ready to extort for these objectives. In official life, however, the fear generally is expressed that the German autocracy will not be able to force the allies' terms upon the German people, who have been systematically deluded by the governing classes regarding the strength of the allied nations.

Briefly, the German people are unprepared for the rude awakening. The allies had anticipated rather a different reply from Berlin, so it is likely that the original answer had been subjected to considerable alteration. The entente wants the support and friendship of America, and there is a feeling now that their reply will show that they were justified in expecting it. The first flare of bitterness over the president's note has gone out. The understanding between the United States and the United Kingdom is improving, the feeling of irritation is less acute and a saner view is dominating the situation.

Reply to Germany.  
Peace is in the air. It is as thick as the fog enveloping London for the last two days. It is impossible to escape it. I understand that the Swiss note endorsing the stand taken by Mr. Wilson will be followed before the week is out by similar notes from the governments of Sweden, Holland and Spain.

The joint reply of the allies to the original German offer is now being considered, and it is considered probable that the completed document will go over within the week. France and Britain having already agreed as to its essential terms.

The reply to the Wilson note may follow quickly. Peace talk, it was thought, after the prorogation of parliament and the coming of the Christmas holidays, soon would die down, but to-day it is a topic of more absorbing interest than ever.

The war conference of the empire, it is believed, will meet earlier than the end of February, so as to get the views of the dominions on the peace proposals.

War Measures.  
Meanwhile, the new government is going forward with its plans for the more vigorous prosecution of the war—plans which will be equally necessary in order to meet the problems which arise from an early peace.

Even the newspapers which scoffed at peace are now forced by public opinion to give it the fullest consideration. By this it must not be thought that Britain is seeking peace. Five minutes' talk with the first man you meet in the street will convince you that the country is perfectly willing to fight, or the rather growing conviction—illogical though it may be—that the enemy is so anxious to reach a settlement that she stands ready to make it well worth while for the allies to end hostilities.

Together with the measures being taken by the Lloyd George government for carrying on the war with greater efficiency comes the announcement of the extension of the British fronts in France and Macedonia, showing that this country is willing and ready to assume greater military as well as financial burdens.

Situation in Greece.  
Out of the haze of uncertainty with which the situation of the allies in Greece has been enveloped, comes the first authentic news from Athens to the effect that the Greeks are beginning to cry out under the pressure of the allied blockade. Even the strongest royalist newspapers have changed their tone and the disbandment of the army is taking place rapidly and regularly.

The prosecution of the Venizelists is also lessening, and the conditions from the allied point of view are altogether showing a great improvement.

The stock exchange has resumed its business after the Christmas holidays, but in a chastened mood. Speculators who have bought for a rise upon the approach of peace have been caught more than once, and consequently the plungers are somewhat shy of the market, as burnt children of the fire. The greatest interest is also expressed in the forthcoming Labor party conference at Manchester, as it will mark the differences of opinion between the official and the unofficial branches of the party.

Discussion Welcomed.  
In economical and financial circles much approval is expressed of the fact that a free and open discussion of possible peace terms will be substituted for the frozen silence which heretofore has hedged in the government. No one can predict what turn diplomacy

will take, but the general impression in these quarters at least is that an important beginning has been made. The view is quite generally discarded that when peace does come Germany will be able to flood the world's markets, especially in the East, with articles of cheap manufacture, retailed at a ruinously low price.

The Japanese press, which has been discussing the Paris resolutions and the post-bellum economic situation with much eagerness since the return of Baron Sakatani, has no apprehensions that Germany will be able to dump her products in the open market. Having exhausted all her available material for military purposes, how, it is asked, can she afford to attempt a campaign of dumping?

The British press has come to share this view, recognizing the fact that before German industry can start again on its old footing it will require enormous stores of cotton, copper, jute, and wool. These commodities, it is pointed out, are now in the control of the allies and are likely to become pawns in the peace negotiations.

Whatever the details, opinion is crystallizing here that the internal pressure in Germany is growing so great that she will eventually be ready to pay pretty highly for peace.

## DUTCH NEWSPAPERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Express Opinion That Result of Exchange of Notes Will Be Beneficial

The Hague, Dec. 28.—A flood of cablegrams is being sent to President Wilson by trade unions, social welfare societies, religious bodies of all denominations and other organizations, wishing him success in what they regard as his efforts to bring about peace. The Dutch Socialist party sent the following cable to the president to-day: "The Dutch Socialist party supports in the strongest way your initiative in favor of peace and appeals to the belligerent powers to accept your proposal."

The papers in voluminous articles regard the situation rather hopefully, with the exception of the anti-German Telegraaf, which favors war to a finish. The general feeling is perhaps best expressed by the pacifist newspaper Nieuwe Vandendag, which says: "No one will be under any illusion about a speedy meeting of peace delegates at The Hague or elsewhere to begin discussion, although the hope remains that this mountain of talk will bring forth more than a mouse and that from now on the voice of peace will never more be stifled."

The Calvinist organ Nieuwland calls attention to what it terms the striking difference between the tone of Germany's reply to Mr. Wilson as compared with German notes to America. This change, the Nieuwland says, gives the impression that Germany not only sincerely desires peace, but also wishes to avoid giving offence to America.

The Roman Catholic Tijd learns from a diplomatic source that diplomatic and parliamentary circles at The Hague are fairly optimistic regarding peace prospects.

FOR SAILORS' RELIEF FUND.  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—The announcement is made that the government of the province of Saskatchewan has decided to make a grant of \$5,000 to the British sailors' relief fund.

TROOPS REACH ENGLAND.  
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The following battalions are reported to have arrived safely in England: 226th, Manitoba; 187th and 211th, Alberta; and the 239th, Railway Construction Battalion.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN NOTE TO SWITZERLAND

Berlin, Dec. 27.—A Vienna dispatch says that the Austro-Hungarian government to-day answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of the note sent to President Wilson. An accompanying message assured the government that the "noble-minded suggestion of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic receipt," from Austria-Hungary.

The message added that the Austro-Hungarian government regarded the Swiss action in supporting President Wilson as an evidence of the "noble and humane disposition which Switzerland, since the beginning of the war, has manifested toward all the belligerents."

## GERMANS ON VERGE OF STARVATION

Shortage of Food is More Serious Than Has Been Reported

## PEOPLE FALL IN STREETS EXHAUSTED BY HUNGER

Swiss Traveler Says Germany Can Scarcely Hold Out for Six Months

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris says:

"I have private information indirectly from Germany. A friend of mine, the head of an important Paris business firm, had a partner who is Swiss. The latter has just visited Germany, and returned to Paris. He is a level-headed business man and says positively that Germany can scarcely hold out more than six months longer. The shortage of food is more serious than has ever been said."

"It is literally true that the entire population has long since been unable to eat its fill. He himself saw many persons in various German towns actually fall down in the streets exhausted by hunger, and in one case at least, a man dropped dead from starvation in the road before his eyes. Such sights apparently are now not uncommon in Germany."

## PARLIAMENT WILL MEET JANUARY 18

Sessional Programme Will Include Several Important Measures

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—An extra of the Canada Gazette was issued to-day formally calling parliament for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 18. The House in all probability would not have been summoned for a week or fortnight later had it not been for the announcement by Premier Lloyd George that an Imperial conference to deal with war matters will be held in London towards the end of February. It is expected that Premier Borden will attend this conference. Whether or not the House will continue in session during the absence of the premier will depend, it is expected, on the developments after the House meets. Opinion here is divided as to whether there will be an adjournment.

It is open to the prime minister to name some one to attend the Imperial conference as his representative and he may do this if the situation is such as to make necessary his remaining in Canada.

The question of an extension of the parliamentary term will be considered as soon as the debate on the address is concluded. The sessional programme is likely to be important, quite apart from war measures and new taxation. Proposals which it probably will be necessary to introduce as government legislation will include a measure to provide for the placing of returned soldiers on the land, legislation arising out of the inquiry into railroad conditions which has been conducted by the Sir Henry Drayton and his associates, and a bill dealing with long term credits.

## MUST NOT ANNOUNCE SAILING OF STEAMERS

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Railway and steamship companies have been notified by the British admiralty to make no further public announcements regarding the sailing of trans-Atlantic steamships from Canadian ports. Dates of sailing and names of ships are not to be given out. The move has to do with some new plan to protect ships from German submarine menace.

## WILSON REALIZES HE HAS BLUNDERED

Effect of Peace Note Has Been to Assist German Manoeuvre

## ADMINISTRATION ANXIOUS TO REPAIR DAMAGE

Feels Discourtesy of Action of Berlin in Publishing Reply

Washington, Dec. 27.—One of Mr. Wilson's favorite stories is the one concerning the little boy and the apple which concludes: "There ain't going to be no core." "There ain't going to be no next step." That sentence succinctly, if vulgarly, expresses the peace situation as far as the government of the United States is concerned. There is no doubt now that the president and his closest advisers thoroughly realize that in attempting to assist the German peace movement they have committed an egregious diplomatic blunder. The administration, if its friends here who are usually well informed are to be believed, is now desperately anxious to repair the damage. That anxiety became increasingly apparent as the private advisers afloat in the allied capitals, quite aside from the popular opinion as expressed almost unanimously in the newspapers of Great Britain, France and Russia, were received and studied. The opinion of Mr. Wilson's peace note among the groups in control of governments fighting Germany is unanimous, and it would be difficult to find words harsh enough to describe that opinion. Mr. Wilson has been informed through every available channel that the impression created by his peace move could not have been worse. As far as playing the peace-maker's role is concerned Mr. Wilson's prestige has been greatly lowered. It is questionable if ever it will be recovered.

Representatives of the allies in the United States thoroughly understand, representatives of neutral governments thoroughly understand, representatives of the Teutonic governments more than thoroughly understand, that the effect, whatever the motive of the Wilson peace note, has been to assist the peace move which the Germans are now so anxious to expedite.

The feeling in the administration that the government of the United States has blundered, has been increased rather than lessened by further study of the German reply received yesterday. As a lawyer expresses it to-day such a reply would be stricken out of a court record, on the ground that it was not responsive. The administration also keenly feels the discourtesy of action of the German government in giving its reply to the newspapers before it was received formally by the government of the United States.

As has been stated, it is extremely unlikely that Mr. Wilson will do anything further. There are only two courses. He may strive for disassociation with the German peace move. He may continue to reinforce it. Inaction is preferable to either of those courses.

## PEACE CANNOT BE SECURED BY NEUTRALS

More Than Typewriters Needed Declares Petrograd Newspapers

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The Bourse Gazette, which expresses the belief that the suggestion of President Wilson was not a casual act of the American government, but the result of organized efforts of the neutral powers, which are already equivalent to a neutral league with a united aim, says: "The picture now is quite changed. The affair is taking a serious turn. The effort of neutral governments in an effort to secure a general and lasting peace opens quite a new combination of world interests, and the part played by the neutrals will have a tendency to lay the basis for a stable world peace."

This newspaper concludes, however, that peace cannot be secured "by neutrals and their typewriters," but it must arise out of the sacrifices and labors of the fighting nations. "All the neutrals together," says the Bourse Gazette, "cannot guarantee a world peace because they are not military powers and when the Germans again show their teeth they will be able to do nothing by good wishes and typewriting to convince German psychology."

## DENY HUNGARIAN PREMIER WILL RETIRE

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The administration papers in Budapest deny a report published in the opposition organs that Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, is about to follow Baron Burian and Dr. von Koerber into retirement. A well-authenticated story previously declared that Dr. Burian was about to be replaced by Count Czernin and that Premier Tisza also was scheduled to go. The present report of Premier Tisza's impending resignation gives as the reason difference he is alleged to have with Count Czernin and the coalition cabinet.

## FRENCH AVIATORS SHELL STEEL MILLS

Blast Furnaces Also Bombarded by Aeroplanes and Dirigibles

## ATTACKS BY GERMAN TROOPS REPULSED

Explosion of Mines Causes Great Damage to Enemy Defences on the Somme

Paris, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy on the Somme and on the eastern slope of Hill 304, west of the Meuse, in the Verdun region. The war office announced to-day.

Mines sprung by the French near Beuvraignes, on the Somme front, caused great damage to the German defences. One of the explosions produced a crater 120 yards long and 40 yards wide.

The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The aircraft were aided in the attacks by dirigibles.

Berlin Report.  
Berlin, Dec. 28.—Eight aeroplanes were lost by the entente allies in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office announced to-day. The text of the statement reads: "Western front—Isolated sections of Flanders front and the Somme salient were temporarily under strong artillery fire."

"The activity of the aerial forces was of the liveliest sort. The enemy in aerial engagements or through the operations of our defence aircraft lost eight machines."

## GERMANY'S REPLY TO SWISS NOTE

Action of Federal Council is Appreciated by the Government

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The text of the answer of Germany to the Swiss note reads:

"The Imperial government has taken note of the fact that the Swiss federal council, as the result of its having placed itself in communication with the president of the United States, is ready to take action and side with the United States toward bringing about an understanding between the belligerent nations and toward the attainment of a lasting peace."

"The spirit of true humanity, whereby the steps of the Swiss federal council are inspired, is fully appreciated and esteemed by the Imperial government."

"The Imperial government has informed the president of the United States that a direct exchange of views seems to it to be the most suitable means of obtaining the desired result."

"Led by the same considerations which caused Germany on Dec. 12, to offer her hand for peace negotiations, the government has proposed an immediate meeting of all the belligerents at a neutral place."

"In agreement with the president of the United States, the government is of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can only be taken in hand after the present war has terminated. So soon as that moment comes they will joyfully be ready to co-operate in this sublime task."

"If Switzerland, which is faithful to its noble traditions in mitigating the sufferings caused by the present war has won undying gratitude, will also contribute to safeguarding the world's peace, the German nation and government will highly welcome such action."

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK.  
London, Dec. 28.—Lloyds announces that the Swedish steamer Friega is believed to have been sunk.

## GERMANY SHOWS GROWING ANXIETY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ASSEMBLING OF CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS

Willing to Permit Confidential Exchange of Proposals Through President Wilson and is Looking to Him for Suggestions; Position Reported to Have Been Made Clear to United States Ambassador Gerard

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here to-day, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of her terms. It has been forecasted that the entente powers would base a refusal on such conditions.

The central powers are reported as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad, tentative terms through President Wilson, should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations to-day that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States government or soon would be.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived to-day and it was declared that no confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it. There are indications, however, that a confidential statement of Germany's position, if made, would come through the ambassador. It has been announced in advance, however, that it would not be made public and it is not likely that its receipt even would be admitted.

Germany, it was said to-day, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestions from the president. As the case stands now, the German government considers it has met all the suggestions in the president's note and a statement to that effect had been made by Count von Bernstorff.

Germany's Position.  
Germany, it is stated authoritatively, never has believed that acting alone she would be able to bring about a conference and now that the influence of neutrals has been brought to bear for one, the German officials have taken their view a step further and believe they cannot be successful without assistance of the United States. They believe that the United States, in view of its vital interest in the settlement of the war, would not be adverse to participation because it has been represented as desiring most of all to see the peace terms made provision for the future security of the world. Without participation by the United States in that phase it is felt the results would be without effect.

There were intimations to-day that Germany's position on all these points had been conveyed by Foreign Minister Zimmermann to Ambassador Gerard at their recent conference and that Germany's terms were probably conveyed in the highest confidence for the information of Mr. Wilson. It was said to-day that Germany had no intention of asking the entente to make public

its terms and at the same time would not publicly divulge her own under any conditions. The view expressed in German circles here is that the Teutonic terms when laid before entente delegates would be such as to admit of their acceptance.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, reiterated again to-day that he felt a conference would result from the present situation and that he considered it in a light of optimism. Germany's position is reported as one of willingness to impart her terms in a confidential manner first if that is absolutely necessary to a conference but still preferring to reserve them for presentation at a round table, where they could be discussed with more freedom.

Reply to President.  
The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note, which differs somewhat in phraseology from the unofficial, follows:

"The Imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communication of the president, the noble initiative of the president looking to the creation of a basis for the foundation of a lasting peace."

"The president discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choicest way open."

"A direct exchange of views appears to the Imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The Imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant, which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose speedily assembling on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states."

"It is also the view of the Imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can first be taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion. The Imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached, to co-operate with the United States in this sublime task."

## REPLY IGNORES WILSON'S REQUEST

Paris Paper Says Germany Has Not Direct Answer to Washington

Paris, Dec. 28.—The morning papers to-day are unanimous in pronouncing the German answer to President Wilson's note to the belligerents a polite refusal to comply with his suggestions.

"Germany," says the Matin, "intentionally reverses the terms of Mr. Wilson's note and requests representatives of the nations at war to seat themselves at a conference table and talk at random without knowing what they intend to say. He knows the allies will never make peace on the terms which she is at present disposed to offer, but under the pretext of temporary slackening it is possible she will be able to make supplies, while secretly planning new military operations just as she prepared for mobilization during the diplomatic conversation of July, 1914."

"The Petit Parisien says: 'The reply of Germany and Austria-Hungary is not a direct loyal answer to the American suggestions. It is only a hypocritical expedient. President Wilson asks the belligerents to state their conditions. The central powers ignore this and simply offer a conference without any preliminaries. That is a trap in which they very naively thought to catch the allies.'"

In the Figaro, Alfred Capus, says: "Germany, in her answer to President Wilson, proposes a meeting of delegates at a neutral city. That city, if it was specified, would remain forever famous, as the scene of the greatest trap in history."

## CONFERENCE WILL BE MEMORABLE EVENT

Meeting in London Expected to Have Far-Reaching Influence on War

London, Dec. 28.—There is considerable satisfaction in colonial circles here over the forthcoming empire war council which it is felt cannot fail to have a far-reaching influence on the war, as well as on the entire future of the empire.

Premier Massey of New Zealand declares: "I believe the conference will prove one of the most memorable events in the history of the empire, for it will mark a great advance in the direction of true union. At the very outbreak of the war I was of the opinion that an excellent opportunity presented itself of summoning representatives of the empire to a cabinet and war council, and although the invitation is somewhat belated it is nevertheless gratifying and an encouraging recognition of the principle for which the self-governing dominions have long contended. They have a right to be consulted when their vital interests, their very freedom and existence as self-governing communities are at stake."

GUARANTEES NEUTRALITY.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Journal des Debats from Geneva says: "The Swiss Federal Council has, according to information received from Bern, received most formal assurances from Germany guaranteeing once more Switzerland's neutrality. The assurances were given as the result of the fear recently prevailing that Germany was preparing to break through Switzerland into France and Italy."



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### FORCED TO ECONOMIZE.

London, Dec. 28.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says the latest German papers contain the federal council's regulations regarding shoes and clothing for 1917.

They prescribe that only two pairs of so-called "shoes de luxe" will be sold on the turning in of cast-off but still wearable pairs.

The utilization of cast-off clothing is to be entrusted to communities which have a monopoly for the purchase of these articles. The exchange of old for new articles will be allowed only through tickets.

### RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

Uxbridge, Ont., Dec. 28.—Miss M. A. Storey, 80 years old, while returning from a Christmas visit near Lindsay, jumped from a moving train and fell under the wheels, receiving injuries from which she died a few hours later. She was delayed in alighting by the press of passengers in the doorway of the car.

### BREAD TICKETS IN SWEDEN.

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—A Stockholm dispatch to "The Ekstrabladet" says that bread and flour tickets will be issued in Sweden from January 15.

## CIVIL SERVANTS SEEK HIGHER WAGES

Base Their Claims for Advance on Increased Cost of Living

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Steps are being taken by the civil servants of Ottawa to urge upon the government the necessity for salary increases in the service. The executive committee of the Civil Service Association is taking the matter up with a view to prompt and definite action, but final plans are not yet complete.

The high cost of living will be pointed to as the one unanswerable argument for higher wages to all grades of the service, more especially the third division. Officials point out that in almost every other civil service in Great Britain, the British Empire and the United States increases have been granted.

The Civilian, just issued, has the following to say on the subject: "The Civil Service Association of Ottawa has approached the government for consideration of the salary difficulty. The association has been working on this problem for months and preparing itself for the time for action, which has now arrived. If this effort bears no fruit the service may expect no relief this year. Therefore united support must be given to the present undertaking and all alternative schemes and general criticisms laid aside until a proper season."

## AVANCHES THREATEN SWISS TOURIST RESORT

Berne, Dec. 28.—The destruction of the village of Champéry, a tourist resort in the canton of Valais, is threatened by the sudden onset of a number of avalanches, coupled with a landslide. Several houses have been crushed and the whole population has evacuated the village. Swiss troops and 200 interned prisoners of war are working day and night to preserve the rest of the village.

An enormous avalanche has swept away many Alpine huts near Simplon Pass, killing two men and many cattle.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

## MORE RAIDS BY BRITISH TROOPS

Dugouts in Front Line Trenches Bombed and Defence Works Damaged

London, Dec. 28.—The following official statement was issued last night: "On Tuesday night a party of our troops searched for some few hundred yards the enemy's front line trenches northwest of Lens, bombing his dugouts and doing considerable damage to his defences. After completing their raid our men returned without casualties."

"Our positions on the right bank of our line north of Somme and near Le Sars were heavily shelled by the enemy at intervals on Tuesday night and Wednesday. Bombardments of the enemy defences and trench mortar emplacements were carried out by us with good results south of Arras. In the neighborhood of Hulluch and west of Messines there was the usual artillery fire."

"On Tuesday much successful work was done by our airmen, in co-operation with our artillery. In the course of a number of flights in the air a hostile machine was destroyed and five others were forced to land in a damaged condition. Three of our machines are missing."

Mines Exploded.

Paris, Dec. 28.—"Marked artillery activity was displayed in several sectors south of the Somme," says the official statement issued last night.

"One of our bombardments caused two fires and an explosion in an enemy battery."

"In the region of Beuvraignes, south of the Aisne, we exploded successfully several mines. At the conclusion of this operation our men raided the trenches, bringing back prisoners. The day was calm on the rest of the front."

At various points on the Belgian front there was moderate artillery activity, particularly in the direction of Steenstraete and Dixmude, the Belgian statement issued here last night reports.

## ANOTHER DIVISION IS BEING ORGANIZED

No Decision Reached on Question of Sending It to the Front

London, Dec. 28.—Although a decision has not been reached on the proposal of the sending of another Canadian division to the front, the organization of a division is being completed. What will ultimately be done in this connection will depend largely upon the response obtained in the matter of recruiting in Canada. For the present, however, the Canadian division now on the firing line will be maintained there and their establishments kept up to full strength. All this information was given the Canadian Associated Press from an authoritative source yesterday.

An adjustment of the representation of battalions in France from the various provinces in Canada is to be undertaken for the purpose of making the distribution more equal in proportion to the number of men recruited. To accomplish this, two or more units from the same province, district or city will be amalgamated or combined. Experience has shown that a more efficient and satisfactory service may be maintained by the system of redistributing depleted battalions with men recruited from the same territory or from the same province as that in which the battalion originated. With that in view the present redistribution is to be made. Moreover, it is felt that the new men may feel more at home if they are sent to units recruited in their own provinces.

At the present time Quebec and British Columbia have larger representations of battalions in France, in proportion to the men recruited from them than any of the other provinces, and in the past it has been necessary to draw reinforcements for these battalions from other centres. An effort is being made to equalize the representation and replace those thus absorbed.

Complete units from Ontario and from Nova Scotia are likely to be sent to France. One of the units from Ontario probably will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Sam Sharpe. It is quite possible that the senior battalion of Nova Scotia Highlanders will be sent forward to give Nova Scotia additional and merited representation on the firing line.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Died of wounds—Pte. C. H. Hicks, High River, Alta.

Died—Pte. S. Cornish, Toronto.

Dangerously ill—Pte. W. E. Shatford, Gainsboro, Sask.

Seriously ill—Pte. P. Hills, Hampton, Ont.; Pte. A. M. Brown, Scotland; Pte. Stuart McDonald, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. H. D. Owen, Lower Arville, N. S.

Services.

Dangerously ill—Pte. P. McDonald, Montreal.

## CENTRAL POWERS DREAD THE FUTURE

London and Paris Comments on Germany's Reply to Wilson

London, Dec. 28.—The London morning papers generally regard Germany's reply to President Wilson as a renewed effort to trap the entente into a conference at an inopportune time for the latter, with a view to averting the defeat of the central powers. The Post says that Germany has seized the occasion with the desperate eagerness of a drowning man catching at a straw.

The Post calls the German proposal for a conference "an impudent affront," and adds: "That he afforded occasion for this affront should help President Wilson to understand that in all the allies' capitals his action is regarded as a mistake. The German answer may well refer to the friendly spirit of the American note, for its effect, however undesigned, is to succor Germany and embarrass the allies."

The Daily Telegraph thinks the reply marks a new and significant step in the game of desperation forced upon the central powers by their dread of what the immediate future holds out for them.

The Daily Mail says: "The failure to meet President Wilson on a common ground cannot be ascribed to obtuseness. Germany's affection of misunderstanding will mislead nobody. The original German note and the present reply to President Wilson have the common object of throwing upon the entente the onus of rejecting ostensibly genuine advances. The allies must see that they do not promote the success of that transparent manoeuvre by the adoption of a purely negative and intransigent attitude."

The Daily Chronicle says: "The point on which most stress is laid in President Wilson's note is entirely ignored in the German reply. . . . For all its studied politeness there is implied therein the rejection in advance of any offer of mediation by America."

French Opinions.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The newspapers today comment freely on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace. All of them affirm that it contains nothing not contained in the first communication of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in which he proposed a conference in some neutral capital.

"Germany," says the Temps, "invites her adversaries to a conference without making to them any disclosure of what she proposes to say until their delegates surround the green cloth."

The Temps then attacks in detail what it terms the systematic mendacity of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg respecting the origin of the war, and alleges that he changed the date of the note of Count von Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister, of which the chancellor spoke recently in the Reichstag. The newspaper asserts that while Count von Bernstorff says one thing in the United States, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg says another in Germany, and expresses the hope that Washington will now be able to measure the sincerity of the German government's declaration.

"Germany desires peace; that is evident," continues the Temps, "but it must be a German peace, which she will test from her adversaries by a race, not having had the power to conquer it by force. That is the significance of the manoeuvre, which outlines itself more clearly every day."

La Liberté remarks that Germany received the American note on December 22, and that her reply had already left Berlin on the 26th.

"Never in the exchange of communications with the government at Washington," says La Liberté, "has Wilhelmstrasse shown such celerity. In the period of the torpedoing of the Lusitania, Germany allowed entire months to pass without communicating to Mr. Wilson explanations embarrassing and belated. . . . The German note is silent on the essential point: it evades that entirely. Our enemy declines to unmask her batteries. The trap is more evident than ever, but the allies will not be caught."

Austrian Views.

London, Dec. 28.—A Reuter dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam quotes some of the Austrian papers regarding the peace proposals. Commenting on Austria's reply to President Wilson, the Fremdenblatt says:

"The central powers contemplate the possibility of the continuance of the war with full confidence, but feel they owe a duty to their people to do everything compatible with their justified interests to terminate the bloodshed if at all possible."

The Neue Freie Presse says: "By our reply President Wilson's policy is not allied with our own. The entente can refuse nothing to the central powers which they would not also refuse to President Wilson. The entente no longer faces us alone, but also America, with whom we are in full harmony."

## PEACE TERMS MUST INCLUDE REPARATION

Paris, Dec. 28.—The congress of French Socialists yesterday by an almost unanimous vote passed a resolution requesting the entente allied governments to reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace by saying that they are ready to tell him their conditions for peace, which must include just reparation for the wrongs done by the central empires.

The Socialists declared also they were for such a peace as was defined by the International Socialist Congress in London in February, 1915.

It was decided by the Socialists of the entente allied countries at the London conference that "no hope for peace can be entertained until German militarism is crushed."

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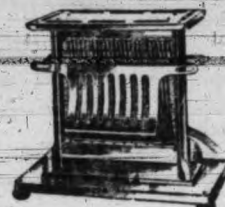
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## GERMAN PROPAGANDA MUST BE COMBATTED

American Urges More Effective British Publicity in United States

London, Dec. 28.—Major Eric Fisher Wood, writing as an American to the London Times, urges the need of more effective British publicity in the United States. Among other things he says: "Whatever may be the outcome of Wilson's peace proposals, a time will eventually come when tremendous pressure will be brought to bear by America in favor of peace on the basis of a German victory unless a vigorous system of British publicity is organized to combat the extensive and shrewdly-managed German propaganda into whose clutches the United States is falling."

"America's failure to endorse Great Britain's course, the political defeat of our pro-ally Colonel Roosevelt, the anti-British campaign of the Hearst newspapers, the Warburg outburst, the Schiff-Speyer intrigues, and a score of similar occurrences favorable to Germany would all have been impossible had America appreciated Great Britain's ideals and actions in the present war."

"It is no exaggeration to say that 90 per cent of our American citizens have no adequate conception of what Great Britain is fighting for, nor any appreciation of the splendid part she is playing on land and sea. . . . From the Atlantic to the Pacific, Americans ask the German-taught question: 'What is England doing, besides making France fight for her, and what business of ours is it anyway?'"

The writer points as a contrast to the propaganda carried on in the United States by Germany. He suggests that Great Britain should follow the lead of France, whose publicity has been written to a great extent by American soldiers in the French army, and he says that in consequence of France's shrewdly-managed publicity America is wholeheartedly pro-French. He concludes: "If we Americans are to begin to appreciate that Great Britain's battle is our battle we must be allowed to know that 50,000 of our young men are fighting in the English and Canadian armies, and sharing the aims and ideals, sufferings and privations of these armies. They are so many endorsements of Great Britain, yet their presence is unknown in the United States. I myself learned of it only two months ago on a chance visit to Canada."

Eric Fisher Wood is a major in the recently organized officers' reserve corps of the United States army. His principal experience has been in the diplomatic service.

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## TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

Five Men Killed and Several Injured in Wreck Near St. Polycarpe, Que.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Four men were killed, one died shortly afterwards from injuries, and six at least were injured, one seriously, in a rear-end collision on the Canadian Pacific railway near St. Polycarpe, Quebec, last evening, when during a thick fog and a heavy fall of sleet, the C. P. R. express eastbound from Toronto to Montreal crashed into the rear of a local train which runs from Cornwall, Ontario, to St. Polycarpe.

The local train was standing on a siding when the crash came, and the switch had been turned, which set a semaphore signal against the express. It is supposed that the engineer of the express either failed to see the signals or misread them.

The dead—Sandy Grant, Lancaster, Ont.; Lewis Grant, Lancaster, Ont.; Matthew Dumoulin, Williamstown, Ont.; William Abrams, Williamstown, Ont.; J. Kennedy, Williamstown, Ont. Conductor Hinton, of the local train, a Cornwall man, was seriously injured. Four passengers and one other employee were also injured. Mr. Malloy, bridge and building master of the C. P. R., was injured.

The Montreal-Toronto express, little damaged, continued on its way, bringing the dead and injured. The rear cars of the local train were demolished when the express crashed through them, and it was in the last three or four cars that the casualties occurred.

## ARMY OFFICER TESTIFIES AT BOPP TRIAL

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Lieut. George Wilhelm von Brincken, of the German army, now in the employ of the German consulate here, resumed the witness stand yesterday in the United States district court.

Von Brincken reiterated the story of Franz Bopp, consul-general, and E. H. von Shack, vice-consul, of the employment of C. C. Crowley and Louis J. Smith, two other defendants, as spies, disclaiming, as his superiors did, the government's declaration that Crowley and Smith were hired to dynamite.

The defence put on Parker S. Masters, construction superintendent of Albers Bros. Milling Company, Seattle, and recalled John Mellen, proprietor of the Vannuys hotel in Tacoma, in an attempt to discredit testimony of government witnesses.

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## ROUMANIANS WILL HOLD STRONG LINE

Front on Sereth River Said to Be the Best in Eastern Europe

Washington, Dec. 28.—With the retreat of the Roumanian armies from Wallachia it is probable that a stand will be made along a line reaching from Galatz, at the confluence of the Sereth river with the Danube, to Fokshani, at the foot of the Carpathian mountains.

"This line is known as the Sereth river line," says a bulletin issued here by the National Geographical Society, "and it is one of the most strongly fortified in Eastern Europe."

"At Galatz there are three lines of fortifications. Midway between that city and Fokshani, just below the confluence of the Sereth and Berlad rivers, is the city of Namalosa, where there is another series of fortifications in two lines. The fortified works at Fokshani consist of three lines. This latter city is on the railroad extending from Bucharest by way of Ploieschi through the heart of Moldavia, and connecting with the line to Jassy, the present capital. All of the fortifications along the Galatz-Fokshani line are in the nature of entrenched camps.

"The Galatz-Fokshani line is forty-seven miles long. With one end resting on the broad reaches of the lower Danube and the other on the border of the Carpathians, it is well situated for defence.

Fokshani is located in the heart of the Transylvanian region, of lower Moldavia, and its wines are among the most famous of Eastern Europe. It is a town which has suffered heavily from the vicissitudes of war in the past. In 1789 it was destroyed by the Russians. Rebuilt again, the Turks burned it to the ground in 1822. It is located on the River Milkov, which formed the ancient frontier between the former principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia.

"The society also gave out the following statement concerning Ploieschi and the oil production of Roumania:

"Ploieschi is a city of 50,000, and is a railroad centre of much importance, being at the junction of the road which leads from Bucharest through Kronstadt to Western Europe with the one which forms the main rail connection between Moldavia and the capital.

"This city is the capital of the department of Prahova, through which a river of the same name flows. The Prahova valley is in a belt of unusually heavy precipitation, both of rain and snow, and it is this moist condition of the atmosphere that gives Ploieschi its name.

## WILL REPORT TO LANSING.

New York, Dec. 28.—Dr. George Williams, who was on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk early in December off the Spanish coast, arrived here to-day on the French liner Rochambeau from Bordeaux. Dr. Williams said he had been instructed by foreign representatives of the American state department to say nothing of his experience until he had reported to Secretary Lansing. He will leave for Washington to-night.

## RUSSIAN ARTILLERY CHECKS GERMANS

Petrograd Reports Heavy Losses by Enemy; Scouts Enter Trenches

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The official report issued yesterday says: "Western (Russian) front. In the vicinity of the Beresina river, north-east of Vishnietz, our scouts while making a reconnaissance, succeeded in penetrating the enemy trenches and killed a number of Germans."

"In the direction of Kovol about two or three companies of the enemy assumed the offensive near Little Persk, but was repulsed by our fire, with great loss. The enemy continued an artillery fire upon our positions in the region of Duba, Penalka, Tohepell and Zvishen (near Brody). He took the offensive in the neighborhood of Duba and Penalka, but was unsuccessful at both places, and was stopped by our fire.

"Near the Bystritsa river our artillery dispersed a company of the enemy troops moving northward from the village of Kosmich."

"In the wooded Carpathians, on the Moldavian frontier, north of the Uzul river, our detachments dislodged the enemy from a field post and captured a machine gun. In the same region our riflemen, taking advantage of a fog, succeeded in capturing two trench mortars left by the enemy during Saturday's battle."

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Teutonic allies fighting in Roumania have captured the important town of Rimnik-Sart, on the railroad northeast of Buzau, according to the German communication issued last evening. The communication adds:

"On the east and west fronts there is nothing new to report."

"Macedonian front. Northeast of Dobran the latest attacks by the British have been repulsed."

## DETERMINED TO WIN

Chicago Writer Tells of Spirit of Great Britain.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mildred Farwell, a wealthy woman who has acted as war correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, has written to that paper from Sweden of recent observations in England.

"For the first time during the war I felt real hatred in the air there," she said. "They have taken a long time about it, but England, as a whole, has settled down now to hating in a way to make a Prussian envious. There is a tendency to regard Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey as well-meaning fools, fallen into evil ways. All England's hate is directed toward Germany, as Germany's is to her. England has lost so much that she will demand her full pound of flesh."

"Well-informed people feel that only the middle, if that, of the war, has been reached. There is no sign of not going on with it. The German boast that Germany could not be beaten in 30 years is answered by the English with 'We will beat them in the 31st.'"



(The German Chancellor has released the statement for neutral consumption, that the Allies intend the complete destruction of the German people.)

German (to John Bull): "Vandal! You would destroy the beautiful column which it has taken centuries to rear!"

John Bull: "The column doesn't interest me. It's the atrocity and the top I'm after."

## NO THOUGHT OF PEACE AT PRESENT

Czar Replies to Proposals Made by the Central Powers

## STRENGTH OF ALLIES IS CONSTANTLY GROWING

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—In the course of an order issued to all units of the Russian army, dated December 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers are being gradually removed, with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is constantly growing, proceeds to say:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrongdoings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now, feeling her weakness, she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete her negotiations before her military talent is exhausted."

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary successes over the Roumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

Not Time for Peace.

Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations, just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks assigned by the war regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles, as well as the creation of a free Poland from all three of her now incomplete tribal districts has not yet been guaranteed."

"To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials and the still more sacred memory of those noble sons of Russia who have fallen on the battlefield, do not permit of thought of peace until final victory over our enemies."

"Who dares to think that he who brought about this war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes?"

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and had been given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says:

"Let us be firm in the certainty of our victory, and the All-Highest will bless our standards and will cover them afresh with glory and give us peace worthy of our heroic deeds, my glorious troops—a peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

## NURSE BURNED TO DEATH.

Cranbrook, B. C., Dec. 28.—Nurse Pearl Parker was fatally burned at the St. Eugene hospital, when she was about to act as Santa Claus. She died a few hours after the accident. Dressed as a Santa Claus, with a mask having a profusion of cotton batting whiskers, Miss Parker stooped to pick something off the floor, or reached in to the tree, and her clothing became ignited.

## CLAIMS RIGHT TO SINK THE DELTO

Berlin Says Norwegian Steamship Was Chartered for Transport Purposes

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The reply of the German government to another of the American inquiries in regard to the steamships sunk by submarines, in this instance relating to the destruction of the Norwegian steamship Delto, with Americans in the crew, declares that the vessel was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American embassy, says that so far as was possible the safety of the crew was provided for. The men were given half an hour in which to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

The settlement of the Marina case, which hinges on the question whether she was a government transport, is being delayed pending receipt of further advice from Washington. The American government has transmitted for information two statements from the British government claiming that the vessel was engaged in carrying horses, as part of its cargo on east-bound voyages, but was under no engagement for westbound trips and therefore could not be regarded as a transport.

Germany is waiting to learn what interpretation the American government gives the statements. There has been no further development in the case of the Araba.

## WILSON REALIZES HE HAS BLUNDERED

(Continued from page 1.)

Feared Outbreak.

The sole motive for the dispatch of an American peace note at this time was, as the secretary of state has plainly intimated, the fear of another outbreak of submarine frightfulness. Possibly the Germans will feel so grateful to Mr. Wilson for attempting to help them that they will try not to drown very many Americans, but even among Mr. Wilson's friends that is felt to be a rather vain hope.

It seems incredible that Mr. Wilson could have expected the Germans to state concrete terms in their reply to his note. But he did expect it. And he does not think now, according to department gossip to-day, that the Germans were very polite in calmly ignoring that portion of his note. They might at least have pointed out the impossibility of stating terms now and expressed regrets therefor.

In neutral diplomatic quarters to-day the opinion was expressed that the brief German note to the United States presented a beautiful opportunity for the allies to reply without stating terms. Germany, the neutral diplomats point out, has always claimed that the present struggle was forced on the unwilling Teutonic powers by a nation whose purpose was to crush Germany. As a consequence her statesmen have been saying that all Germany desired was positive assurance that there be no repetition of such an attack. But now in her latest note she says, following almost literally the idea stated by Mr. Wilson, and this idea by the way, it was said to-day was exclusively Mr. Wilson's and inserted in the note against the opinion of all his advisers, that "the great work of preventing fu-

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ture wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations."

This is regarded as a confession that Germany is not fighting a defensive war with the sole idea of repelling attacks. If there is one thing that the representatives of allied governments make no concealment of, it is the certainty that the war will go on until Germany is willing to confess the paramount peace issue, which is the giving of absolute guarantees against such attacks as were made by Austria on Serbia and by Germany on Belgium. Guarantees come even before restitution and reparation. Would it profit the allies to cease the struggle now, well knowing it would break out again as soon as Germany was ready?

There is entire agreement among the enemies of Germany here, as was pointed out in the New York Tribune to-day that the present peace flurry will come to nothing. They are amazed to hear the reports from American correspondents in Europe that the peace idea is strong among the allies due to the belief that Germany must have it.

It is true, of course, they point out, that Germany wants peace and wants it now because from the military point of view she is on the very crest of the wave. But Germany does not want peace badly enough now, they say, to subscribe to any terms which the allies will lay down. It is not the better among the friends of the allies here, to-day at least, that Great Britain will state concrete terms of peace further than to point out the paramount issue as indicated in the foregoing.

Allies in Accord.

The words "but they have not closed the door on peace," were heard many times in administration circles to-day. It is the hope which is father to such thoughts. If the Germans have opened a peace door it is one through which the allies are not prepared to venture. The best of news comes to Washington as to the strength and stick-to-itiveness of the alliance of Great Britain, France and Russia. If there was doubt of Russia under Sturmer—as there was to a certainty, according to good information here—there is none at all now that Trepoff is in power. The czar, the Duma and Trepoff make a Russian combination that no German cabal will dent. It has been pointed out by a well-informed diplomat that Germany never would have created the independent state of Poland if

there was any chance of making a separate peace with Russia. That idea has been abandoned probably forever.

Anxious For Peace.

Germany apparently has never given up the idea of concluding a separate peace with some one of the allies. News from France, received in a semi-official quarter, is to the effect that the Germans even had hope of making progress there. It becomes clear then that the peace which the Germans profess to long for—on their own terms of course—may be an even greater necessity than the neutral world believes. But there is no responsible and informed person in Washington who believes that Germany will not resort, without limit, to the most terrible of her weapons if peace is not concluded very soon.

Three months ago it was openly stated that Ambassador Gerard had

brought to the president definite warning that the policy of submarine frightfulness might soon be resumed.

There is definite information here that a new and very numerous fleet of submarines is ready for action. Within a few days Secretary Lansing stated in explanation of the president's peace move that the United States might be on the verge of war. Either the United States has received a German threat or it has not. If there has been no threat and the president does not believe there is danger of the renewal of a submarine frightfulness, there should be an official denial. Without such denial the country and the world will go on believing that the motive for the Wilson peace note was a German threat, and that its object was to assist the Germans to force peace now, when the making of peace will mean greatest possible profit for the Germans.

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### DEVOURING ITSELF.

The New York Herald says it is able to state authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their government the resumption of submarine frightfulness, even at the cost of war with the United States. This projects fresh light upon the peace manoeuvres as far as Germany is concerned, and possibly reveals the real basis of her present action. If the internal conditions of the central empires are as bad as the outside world believes them to be, it is not surprising that the people demand the unrestricted use of what they have been told is their most effective weapon to obtain relief. In that case the desperation of their rulers to terminate the war by negotiation is easily understood.

When the German armies failed to break down the resistance of their foes at decisive points and the blockade by the Teutonic empires became an established fact, the anxiety and poignant disappointment of the people were assuaged by the assurance that in any event Germany had two sure means of gaining final victory and fat indemnities. These were Zeppelins and submarines, and both were to be directed at Great Britain, against whom a campaign of hatred was organized. To emphasize this assurance, Zeppelins dropped bombs on undefended towns, when it was safe to make the attempt, while submarines sank the Lusitania. But the German leaders did not share the confidence of the people in the infallibility of the two weapons, although willing to gamble on them, and relied upon the armies to gain a decision in the field.

After the disastrous campaign at Verdun and the commencement of the great Anglo-French offensive at the Somme, the demand for the use of the two trump cards became insistent. The public, taking the government at its word, agitated for this means of bringing the war to an early end. The German leaders, ever haunted by the spectre of internal upheaval, responded by authorizing an airship campaign against England. Raid after raid was made and all sorts of silly reports of the damage done were circulated in the German press. Finally, the loss of so many Zeppelins, staggering the morale of the enemy airship service, forced the German authorities to admit that the war could not be brought to a victorious end by this means. The public, bitterly disappointed, then turned to the submarine. They never had been informed of the heavy losses suffered by that branch of the German naval service. On the contrary, they had been told that it was a sure winner, but that its unrestricted use might involve war with the United States, and that this, while it would not alter the fortunes of the struggle, would be inconvenient afterwards.

Where does this agitation leave the German leaders? They know, of course, that submarine frightfulness would be a forlorn hope, just a little less so than the dispatch of the navy to try conclusions on the high

seas. They realize that one of its first consequences would be the intervention against them of most of the neutrals who were made the victims of a campaign of assassination. They know—and this is the vital fact—that another failure involving the prolongation of the war would mean a complete internal break-up, the wreck of the imperial Hohenzollern dynasty. Peace by negotiation, therefore, must be their only way out; a delicately-arranged and carefully-adjusted peace which would not make the cup too distasteful to the German people and which would serve as the basis of preparations for another war in the hope of wringing from some luckless neighbor enough blackmail to lighten the financial pressure occasioned by the present struggle.

Thus the insane folly and deceit of the Wilhelmstrasse are receding upon their authors. The duped people, desperate through loss and deprivation, are becoming a mob whose agitation will drive the unholy alliance to destruction. The monster which was nourished by the rape of Denmark and the destruction of Belgium upon its creators, Prussianism is devouring itself. Hohenzollernism surely lies between two millstones gradually drawing together. For if submarine frightfulness is authorized Germany's end will be swift and sure. If it is not authorized and her armies are forced back, the same fate will follow. Destruction lurks within and without. A disillusioned populace turned into a mob is never discriminating in selecting the objects of its hatred. What the world is beholding in the peace overture of the Kaiser and his satellites is actually the spectacle of the instigators and perpetrators of this gigantic crime casting themselves on the mercy of the nations they assaulted in order to be saved from the destroying wrath of their own people.

### THE RECORD.

On July 24, 1914, Sir Edward Grey proposed to Germany that she and Great Britain use their influence at Vienna and St. Petersburg respectively for a peaceful solution of the differences between Austria and Serbia. On July 25 the German government refused to adopt the proposal despite Sir Edward Grey's warning that this attitude would help to produce a general conflict in which Great Britain could not remain inactive.

On July 27 Sir Edward Grey suggested a conference of French, German, Italian and British ambassadors to ascertain the best means of clearing the situation, Russia and Serbia as interested parties remaining apart. On the same day France accepted the British proposal. Germany refused while proclaiming her peaceful intentions.

On July 28 Sir Edward Grey again urged a conference upon Germany and Herr von Jagow again declined on behalf of his country. On July 29 the Italian government considered that Austria's declaration of war against Serbia, dispatched on the previous day, should not prevent the continuance of diplomatic efforts for a conference in London. Russia thereupon agreed to join Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy in a conference before Austria's military preparations were completed. Germany still refused to use her influence at Vienna to discontinue military operations and to come to an agreement with Serbia. On July 30 Germany was again pressed for her support of the conference proposal and made no reply.

These facts are on record in the official documents of all the belligerents. They show that Germany refused every proposal likely to make for peace. She would not even use her influence with Austria. More than that, she declared war on Russia in the midst of the resumption of friendly intercourse between that country and Austria. The record says that on July 1, 1914, "the Austrian ambassadors at Paris and St. Petersburg made two conciliatory moves," and that "Austria announced at St. Petersburg that she was willing to discuss the ground of her differences with Serbia." In the midst of this came Germany's ultimatum to Russia to demobilize followed by a declaration of war. She herself already was mobilized. Troop movements on a large scale were noted around Frankfurt and in South Germany some days before.

Now Germany which would not hear of a conference to extricate Europe from the danger of war wants a conference to extricate herself from the war. She would not sit at the table with Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy on July 27, 1914, but now she is importuning them to join her. On August 1, 1914, she and France were asked if they would respect the neutrality of Luxembourg, which both had guaranteed. France at once gave an assurance that she would do so. Germany invaded Luxembourg next day. On August 1 Germany and France were asked by Great Britain if they would respect Belgium neutrality. France, which had already assured Belgium

that she would respect the treaty, repeated that assurance to Britain. Germany refused to make a similar engagement. This is the same Germany which wants to go before a conference as the friend of small nations and a lover of peace and the champion of the sanctity of treaties.

### EXIT MADAME THEBES.

The death of Madame Thebes, the famous French seeress, reminds us that the war has been the grave of more than military reputations. It has completely discredited numerous professional prognosticators whose lucky guesses had won for them a wide circle of believers. Madame Thebes is alleged to have predicted the time, place and circumstance of the outbreak of war. We know that she predicted the date of the end of it—several times. Her first forecast fixed the termination of hostilities for June, 1915, during which a revolution was to break out in Germany involving the overthrow of the Hohenzollern dynasty. When June came with Russia in full retreat and the allies in the west unable to help her, Madame Thebes announced that she had misread the "horoscope." The date should have been June, 1916. That month was a bad one for the central empires, it is true, but it did not bring peace. Madame Thebes was out of the running as a reliable forecaster of the future.

This war has produced only one prophet whose prediction has been fulfilled so far almost to the letter. That prophet was Kitchener. The great field marshal at the outset declared that the war would last at least three years and that he had enlisted for that period. He added that it would strain the resources of this empire and its allies to the utmost but that they would be victorious. We know that the conflict has called forth the utmost effort of the entente countries and there is every reason to expect the final overthrow of the enemy some time next year. We doubt if any other eminent statesman or soldier at that time visualized this war as clearly as Kitchener did.

### THAT DRYDOCK.

Whether parliament will be asked to revoke £250,000 for the commencement of work on the proposed drydock at Esquimaux or not is a matter for conjecture. It is possible the item will be withheld from the estimates by the government on the ground that the exigencies of the war require the prosecution of necessary public works only.

What the excuse for suspending the project hitherto has been has not been given out, but it easily can be guessed. The announcement of the government intention to construct the dock is now more than three years old. A site was purchased, plans and specifications were prepared, tenders were invited and parliament voted a sum to cover the preliminary construction work. Then the whole matter was relegated to cold storage, to emerge, no doubt, on the eve of a general election.

Had the announcement of the government's intention been followed by actual operations and expeditiously carried out the drydock would have played a very important part in the war service as well as in the development of the shipbuilding industry here. It is well known that auxiliary war vessels have had to be taken to Prince Rupert for repairs owing to the inadequacy of present dock accommodation. The drydock at Esquimaux should not be catalogued among those public work luxuries which easily can be dispensed with. It is a naval and industrial necessity and work on it should be started without any further delay.

The German claim of a complete victory over the Russo-Romanian troops is made with one eye to the peace overture and its effect upon the German people. If it is true that famine is stalking through the central empires, Germany soon must capitulate. Announcements of complete victory cannot fill an empty stomach. Incidentally, Germany cannot go to a peace conference announcing herself as the victor. The allies cannot afford to talk to her until Prussianism admits its defeat in the war. A conference is necessary to Germany; to the allies it is not.

In the late election in the United States the president received more than nine million votes. The ballots cast for the Socialist candidate numbered about 750,000. The candidate of the prohibitionists received 250,000 votes. Notwithstanding waves of reform, it probably will be quite a few years before either a Socialist or a prohibitionist will sit in the presidential chair of the republic.

The Huns are backing up. They say they now are willing that their terms of peace should be made known to the allies. That is different from having the matter whispered confidentially into the receptive ear of the president of the United States, whose interest in the war is strictly limited to keeping his country out of it.

According to some Washington dispatches, the dream of President Wilson is coming true. He is becoming a fac-

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tor in peace negotiations, and they are assuming a more favorable hue. But why ignore the others? They have a faint interest in the situation.

That Germany is the boss of central Europe is indicated by the fact that none of her allies is permitted to take an active part in negotiations for peace. That in itself is an ominous sign for the future. And doubtless the entente allies will make a note of it.

Austrian newspapers cordially welcome the United States as an "illustrations ally." But latest advices from Washington seem to mean that the president does not altogether appreciate the honor he has brought upon himself.

Evening clothes have been officially abolished in French theatres. Working clothes have attained to the position of greatest honor these days. Pretty soon a "plug" hat will be a rare adornment.

### NOT LONG AGO.

Good-bye!—and off he strides, six-foot of straight Young English manhood! Passing through the gate, Looks back; then, with a smile and a salute,

He's gone—and we stand watching. And we see A little figure in a sailor's suit With fat, bare knees and a shy little smile,

The "Little Liddle" of so short a while Ago, twisting the elastic of his wide straw hat (The one with the blue ribbons, you remember?)

With a hairy cardboard donkey, now pressed flat Under his arm, his best-beloved toy. Broken and worn, but never out of sight, Played with by day and hugged in bed at night—

This is the little fellow who has grown And gone—not now to school to play His schoolboy fights—but gone to-day To join in the terrific game the nations play—

This little fellow of not long ago. —Y. M. Doudney, in London Daily Mail.

## LOOKING FOR BUSINESS WHEN WAR IS OVER

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Will Appoint Agents Abroad

Washington, Dec. 28.—The recent authorization given the federal reserve bank of New York to appoint the Bank of England as its agent in London and the probable appointment of the Bank of France as agent in Paris and other foreign agents throughout Europe in all likelihood will be followed, in time, by the appointment of strong financial institutions in similar capacities in Japan, China and Australia.

Officials are looking to the Orient as a fertile financial field for the growth of American business, and the estab-

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## A Big Shipment of English "Flaxman" Shirts

We are glad of the opportunity to make this announcement for scores of our customers have been waiting this arrival. This Shirt is a great favorite with big men, because it is cut on generous lines, and is one that always proves of great satisfaction to the wearer. While we have been compelled to advance the prices a little, the high standard quality remains the same. These Shirts are in two styles, light and dark fancy stripes and plain greys finished with collar band and soft band cuffs. Each \$1.35 Finished with turn-down reversible collars attached \$1.50

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Corset Cover, of fine silk-finished mull, deep yoke and short sleeves of Val lace and Swiss embroidery trimmed with colored ribbons. Special at \$1.75  
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Victoria Times, Dec. 28, 1891.

Mayor Grant and Alderman Holland visited the Indian reserve yesterday with the object of conferring with the Indians regarding the taking over of the reserve by the city. They found the Indians as stubborn as ever, refusing to listen to any scheme whatsoever.

The sealer Maggie Mac will be the first to clear for the sealing grounds. She has all her crew shipped now.

Parties going shooting in the Saanich district this weather should take a steam yacht or skiff. The greater part is under water.

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To Hold Public Meeting.—After a special session of the Trades and Labor Council had been held last evening to hear J. Stewart Clark, of Toronto, the council decided to call a meeting of a public character next Wednesday evening to hear Mr. Clark speak on "Graft as Related to the War, and Nationalization of One of the Transcontinental Railways." Mr. Clark has had close association with railway work, and was recently a member of the Sixth Field company of the Canadian Engineers.

Stamp Tax Abated.—Christmas and New Year cards containing not more than five words of writing are allowed to pass through the post, if in open envelopes, for one cent, no war tax stamp being required. Postcards, likewise, containing just the five words of greeting, will pass without the additional tax stamp. Most people, unaware of this concession at this season, added the war tax stamp to their messages. It has been noted by the mail-sorters.

Dance at Saanichton.—A dance will be held at the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Wednesday evening, January 2. Half the proceeds will be handed over to the Red Cross Society after the expenses are paid in connection with the undertaking. Heaton's orchestra will supply the music, so that this part of the evening's arrangements are known to be in excellent hands.

As the road is now paved right through from Victoria to Saanichton the pleasure of traveling is considerably enhanced, and a number of people are expected to attend from the city. Dancing is to commence at 8.45 p. m.

Remittances to Soldiers.—Friends and relatives of Canadian soldiers at the front frequently wish to send them small sums of money—remittances for important amounts—but an occasional dollar or two for spending money. Many people probably would have sent such a small, but ever welcome, addition to their pay if there had been available a convenient form for making such remittances. Thanks to the foresight of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, this has now been provided in the shape of French bank notes for five francs each—a supply of which has been obtained by this bank. These notes can be used by the soldiers immediately upon receipt for purchasing at the canteens or elsewhere, cigarettes, tobacco, or anything else which may be offered for sale, and may be obtained at any office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Victoria at a cost of 95 cents for each five franc note.

Presentation for Instructor.—Sgt. E. J. Rashleigh, of the 143rd Battalion, was the recipient last evening of a purse of gold presented by members of the Civilian Ambulance class, of which he has been instructor. The presentation was made by Dr. Raynor, who organized the class, the address being paid by W. Wallace Grime. The incident took place in connection with a business meeting, supper, and entertainment, the following contributing songs: "F. J. Sehl, president of the class; G. H. Swain and Cpl. Williams. Mrs. F. J. Sehl acted as accompanist. The following were the toasts in connection with the supper: "The King," proposed by Dr. Raynor; "Sergeant Rashleigh," proposed by W. Wallace Grime; "Dr. Raynor," proposed by Mr. Fairweather; "The Army," proposed by W. W. Duncan, responded to by Sgt. Rashleigh, Cpl. Nicholson, Cpl. Williams and Pte. Wolfenden; "The Navy," proposed by Mr. Grime and responded to by W. Dryborough, who is leaving on January 7 for the Old Country to take a position as instructor in navigation.

**INTEREST KEEN ON HOLIDAY QUESTION**

Wholesalers Anxious for an Amendment to Act; Referendum Discussed

The opinion seems to be becoming more general that many amendments are required to the present half-holiday act before it can be at all successfully applied to the business firms of the community. Not a few of the merchants feel that the changing of the day from Saturday to Wednesday would merely be shifting an evil from one day to another without materially righting the present wrongs. Others feel that in the present depressed state of business it is unwise to close the stores on any day. These men are by no means opposed to allowing the clerks to have a half-holiday, and they suggest that the individual merchant should arrange with his employees so that each might have his time off, but not all on the same day. By such a plan it is claimed that the clerk would have his rest each week and at the same time business activity would not be interrupted.

The wholesale merchants are very anxious that amendments to the act will be introduced at the first meeting of the legislature, whereby the retail and wholesale trade will not be brought under the same statute. Saturday is the natural day for the wholesaler to close, and a change to another part of the week would, he feels, be detrimental to his business.

A referendum vote may be taken at any time with regard to the day of closing, but any such vote could affect only the day and would in no way remove the many inequalities which the law allows, such as that which requires a delivery man to continue his work throughout a Saturday afternoon, provided none of the goods that he handles are brought out of the store after 1.30 o'clock, while the clerk behind the counter has the whole afternoon free. It is therefore felt by many that a vote taken at the present time would tend to injure rather than improve the prospects of obtaining the complete remodeling of the act which will be sought when the legislature sits next February.

**NATIONAL SERVICE****CARDS ARE DELAYED**

Will Arrive on January 2; Co-operation of Public Will Bring Success

As has been stated on previous occasions, the first week of the new year is to be observed as National Service Week. During that period the campaign of delivering individual cards, in which are printed a series of questions which must be answered, and the collecting of the same, is to be conducted by the postal departments throughout the Dominion. In order that the movement may be a success it will be necessary to have it carried out in the quickest and most thorough manner possible; and that this may be accomplished it is the desire of the local authorities that the public in general give their hearty support by filling out the blanks immediately and seeing that they are returned to the postman on his first succeeding call.

All the leading organizations in this city have been approached with a view to giving the matter as much publicity as possible among the citizens of the community. Many of the clergy have been requested and have consented to call special attention to the movement at next Sunday's services. The cards for the rural districts are already in the hands of the provincial postmasters. Those that are to be used in Vancouver and Victoria have not as yet arrived owing to the fact that they were delayed in leaving Ottawa and were not mailed until last Tuesday. As a result they will not reach here until January 2. As soon as they are received their distribution will commence and prospects for a successful campaign are bright.

**ENTERTAIN OFFICERS**

Rank and File of 50th Gordon Highlanders Hosts at Christmas Dinner.

The men of the 50th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders, were yesterday the hosts at a big Christmas dinner in the men's mess at the Willows camp, the guests being the officers and sergeants of the unit, the officers and sergeants of the Yukoners and the sergeants of the Army Medical Corps. Corporal Houston, who is president of the men's mess, was chairman and toastmaster, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Short speeches were made by Lieut.-Col. Forsythe, Capt. Black and other officers, in which the need of co-operation between officers and men was emphasized.

"Home Products" Calendar.—Now that Victoria has shown by a home products exhibition of what she is capable in the way of manufactures it is interesting to get from the Acme Press Ltd., an artistic calendar which, it is announced, "was produced entirely within our own plant." The pictorial part of the calendar is colorful and quite ornamental. Some business axioms fill the vacant spaces in the monthly calendar, where Sundays and bank holidays are shown by red blocks instead of black.

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 5890—The Sunshine of Your Smile. Vernon Styles.  
 48748—La Favorita. Hippolito Lazaro.  
 5894—Lohengrin. Chicago Symphony Orchestra.  
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 5895—The Ninety and Nine. Oscar Seagle.  
 5896—Rigoletto—Piano solo. L. Godowsky.  
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 5893—Zampa Overture. Prince's Orchestra.  
 2116—Oh! Dem Golden Slippers. H. C. Browne.  
 2119—Songs From Hawaii. Guitar Duet.  
 2031—Sleep, Baby, Sleep. Ward Barton.  
 2124—Someone Else May Be There While I'm Gone. Al. Jolson.  
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N. Sutherland, of Penticton, is a guest of the Dominion.

Mrs. H. J. Cowherd, of James Island, is at the Dominion hotel.

Frank Stevens, of Soda Creek, B. C., is staying at the Dominion.

A. T. McDonald, of Edmonton, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

J. W. Addison, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

H. Stewart, M.P.P. of Comox, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

P. T. Skrimshire, of Duncan, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

W. E. Pinson, of Calgary, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. W. L. Dunn and family, of Duncan, are at the Dominion hotel.

Mayor Gillett and A. Johnson are in the city from Prince George.

Jno. Jones, of Salmon Arm, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

P. A. Jenne is in the city from Prince Rupert, a guest at the Empress hotel.

Misses R. and C. Milligan, of Comox, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. R. Evans and son, of Shawnigan Lake, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

S. Gordon and Mrs. Gordon, of Cowichan Lake, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. C. Bloomquist, of Shawnigan Lake, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

A. Breders and Mrs. Breders, of Tacoma, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Carruthers, of San Francisco, are registered at the Empress hotel.

H. Neely and the Misses Neely, of Lemberg, Sask., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

C. B. Chustenson, of Loomis, Sask., is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Scriven has removed from Bishop's Close to her new home, 116 Cambridge street.

Wm. Milligan, J. E. Milligan and Mrs. D. C. Milligan, of Scarfe, B. C., are at the Dominion.

J. MacFarlane and Mrs. R. Riddell are among the Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel.

A. D. McCallum and C. St. Dennis, of Maple Creek, are making the Dominion hotel their headquarters.

Miss Ethel Lawson, of Vancouver, is spending the holidays with her father, Col. C. F. Lawson, 2434 Cranmore road.

Mr. Frank Kerr and Mr. Brownsey spent the week-end and Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Brownsey at Duncan.

Vancouver registrations at the Empress hotel yesterday included James Hopkins, R. H. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. De Long.

C. P. Nutter, M. Hemmingsen and Mrs. Hemmingsen and E. Hemmingsen and family came down from Cowichan Lake yesterday and are at the Dominion.

At "Ireacaldane," the residence of the officiating minister, the marriage of Margaret Ethel Somers and Walter and Rasmussen, both of Seattle, was celebrated on Tuesday by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Baachus and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Baachus, of Montreal, are visiting the coast on their honeymoon. The bridegrooms being twin brothers and the brides twin sisters, the latter prior to their marriage being the Misses Vera and Pauline Car-gill.

Last evening a pretty home wedding was celebrated at 1609 Gladstone avenue, when Rev. Dr. Campbell united in

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New York, Dec. 28.—The time has long since passed when fashions for misses were of secondary importance in the scheme of things. The fashioning of clothes for young people now receives as much attention as those of their elders, and certain French designers have, of late, been specially concentrating their efforts on producing modes for young girls and small children.

Whether for school, college or the various social and outdoor activities which enter into the lives of all young people, we find an unlimited variety of styles.

At present there is a distinct relation between the styles for grown-ups and those reaching the grown-up stage.

The difference between the two styles has taken with so much zeal is reflected in misses' styles, and certainly there is nothing more befitting the slender grace of youthful figures than the modes which now prevail.

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In one-piece style are the majority of dresses, whether they are to be slipped on over the head or closed at the centre-front or back. Especially becoming are those that hang from a



One-Piece Box-Plaited Dress for Misses.

deep, square yoke, and of these there are many varieties, for below the yoke the material may be side-plaited; box-plaited with groups of large or small plaits, or just simply gathered. To define the waistline, a leather belt, a regulation cloth belt or a long, narrow girle is considered correct with this type of frock. The belt being such an important factor, then, it is not surprising to find many novelties in that line. One of the latest is a belt which starts out by being wide in front, but finally becomes divided into two narrow strips at the sides and back. The upper halves fasten at the back and the lower halves are knotted loosely and hang down the back. Exceedingly attractive, also, are the pockets which give added charm to these dresses. Pointed, square, draped, gathered or plain, they appear in every conceivable form.

Her Practical and Formal Dresses. For practical wear, the young girl wears dresses of the popular wools, such as serge, gabardine, velours, broadcloth, checks and plaids. There is little trimming on these frocks; perhaps a touch of bead or wool embroidery, a flat braid applied in rows. The large assortment of fashionable colors, including burgundy, plum, taupe, brown and green has not ousted navy blue, which is still a favorite.

For her social activities, sweet sixteen may have her choice of soft chiffon velvet, velveteen, taffeta, satin, charmeuse, silk poplin or Georgette crepe, depending on the occasion for which her dress is intended. For dance frocks, tulle, silk net, chiffon and Georgette are particularly girlish, while for a very elaborate dress nothing is more charming than the silver tissue cloths. Her slippers are of satin, to match the color of her dress, or else of silver or gold tissue.

Pale or bright pink, blue, maize, apricot and white are the colors specially adapted to the youthful evening dress. Some delightful frocks are composed of layers of tulle in different harmonizing colors placed one above the other, and the merging of these colors produces a wonderfully artistic effect.

If the selection of her evening frock gives a girl many thrills of pleasure—and every one knows it does—she also derives a great deal of enjoyment from her sports clothes. Sports clothes, today, are wholly charming. Such bright, gay colors as are used for them can only reflect the spirit of joy and exuberance which they embody. The enjoyment of sports is really doubled by the lovely clothes that are worn for them.

The skirts of sports dresses and suits are worn very short, and the models are either plain or pleated. With bright-colored skirts are worn slip-on

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## PANTAGES TOP ACT ARE COLLEGE MEN

Each of Military Octette Have Diplomas; Herbert Brooks to Give Children "Candy Treat"

The personnel of the Military Octette, which is the big headline feature of the bill at the Pantages theatre this

week, is very unusual because it is composed entirely of college graduates. Each of the eight clever musicians has stored away in his trunk one of those very treasured documents known to the world as a diploma, bearing his name in very black hand inked across old English letters and a string of letters trailing along to indicate the particular degree of his attainment. These cover a wide range of subjects, but the degree that is creating the most interest in the green room of the theatre is marked D. V. S. All agree that the first letter stands for doctor, but the recipient won't tell what the other two letters stand for. The boys were recruited from the Middle West colleges

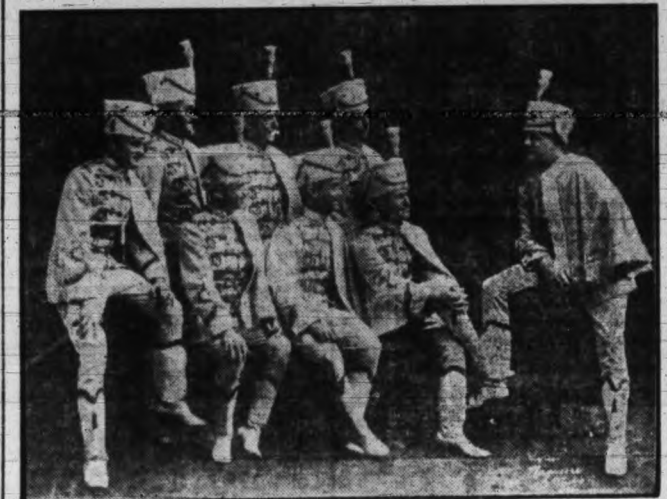
and universities and assembled in Chicago by Bandmaster Ford. Each of the musicians is an accomplished performer and a good vocalist. Their performance is perfect in tone and ensemble. In their vocal numbers especially they show their splendid and consistent training. There are soloists as well in the aggregation, and the act as a whole is one of the best musical numbers ever heard in this city.

Herbert Brooks, the magician, card manipulator and comedian, is the other big feature on the bill. Mr. Brooks created tremendous interest throughout the city to-day with his remarkable endurance test in the little steel trunk he uses in his performance on the stage. He entered the trunk at 11 o'clock this morning in the Government street window of Fletcher Bros. Music House, and remained in that cramped position for two full hours, smoking continuously and passing through the small hole in the side of the box cards as called for by the on-lookers. This is a feat said by eminent doctors everywhere to be impossible.

## SCENES LAID IN REAL PRISON CAMP

Blanche Sweet Star of Strong Photoplay at Dominion Theatre

"I am going to be a good little girl from now on," smiled Blanche Sweet, as she slipped into her convict garb for the Lasky production of "Unprotected," a Paramount picture, which will be seen at the Dominion to-day, Friday and Saturday.



MILITARY OCTETTE

Big musical headliner at Pantages this week.

Mr. Brooks was very much alive when he was released from the box at 1 o'clock.

Herbert Brooks will give a special matinee to the children at the Pantages theatre on Saturday afternoon. He calls this his "Candy Treat," and it will be a big entertainment for the little folks.

The "Whitt Four," singers and dancers, are four comely young women, each with a specialty of up-to-date humor to make their offering doubly attractive.

Bob and Bill Millard, trick bicycle riders and comedy acrobats, will care for the athletic portion of the pro-

gramme, and Wilbur Brown entertains in a musical way with his playing of the popular national instrument of the Hawaiian Islands. The sixth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" contributes another interesting consignment of thrills.

"It was all very mysterious and thrilling the way we disappeared from the studio, and went down into one of the southeastern states to take a number of scenes, and then came back to the studio without anyone discovering our identity."

"Down there I was right in the prison camp. We took scenes in the bunk houses, and in the turpentine groves, or orchards, or whatever they call them, and I had a read guard ordering me around. He was a little odd at his first sight of a motion picture star, but was real considerate of me. I am very glad this was so, be-



SCENE FROM THIS WEEK'S PHOTOPLAY AT THE VARIETY THEATRE

cause he was gruff enough as it was, and I don't know what he would have done if I had been a real criminal. He would boss me around in a scene and then come over and say to me, 'Miss Sweet, I really don't mean that but I am just play-acting for the picture and doing as I am told. I would never speak to no lady in that way, but these yere jail birds is a pretty hard lot and you can't handle them like you would regular folks.'

### COLUMBIA THEATRE.

In the "Dumb Girl of Portici," which is the feature play at the Columbia theatre all this week, the photoplay patrons of the house will have the advantage of enjoying the full expression of the incomparable Russian dancer, Mme. Pavlova, supported by her own ballet Russe and a strong cast of Universal players. This is accounted one of the most lavish film productions in the history of motion pictures and made a pronounced stir in New York City at the time of its initial showing. The play is an adaptation of Auber's famous opera "Masaniello" and its production is announced to have cost a quarter of a million dollars. A ten-piece orchestra is accompanying the showing under the direction of Maurice Le Plat. This is one of the most astonishing productions to be shown in this city at popular prices.

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## FRANKLYN FARNUM IN FIVE-ACT PHOTOPLAY

"Stranger From Somewhere" is Programme at Variety Theatre

Franklyn Farnum is the star in the Bluebird production, "A Stranger From Somewhere," which is the attraction at the Variety theatre to-day, Friday and Saturday. That the youngest member of the Farnum family possesses his full share of the family talent is proved by the rapidity of his development in pictures, especially in Bluebirds, in which it is demanded that the actor possess ideal qualifications for a leading role. Of course, though he is new to the art of the silent drama, Mr. Farnum is no stranger to the stage. He has had prominent roles in such successes as "The Dollar Princess," "Madame Sherry" and "The Candy Shop." He was leading man for two seasons with the Henry W. Savage productions. His most recent stage appearance was the lead in "The Only Girl" at the Mason Opera House in Los Angeles. So Mr. Farnum is anything but a tyro in theatrical matters. The supporting cast is more than up to the usual Bluebird standard. Agnes Vernon has the role of the girl who is puzzled almost beyond the retention of her sanity by the character-like changes of her lover, Claire MacDowell, one of the most finished of screen actresses, has a most congenial role as the villainess, "Olga," and forms a striking contrast to blonde little Miss Vernon. All the other roles are in capable hands and the whole picture is handled in a way that calls for nothing but praise.

## SAANICH FARMERS' INSTITUTE IS ACTIVE

District Organization Meets and Distributes Prizes; Officers Elected

The regular monthly meeting of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute held recently was largely attended and the proceedings were marked by striking enthusiasm. President Stewart occupied the chair.

A communication was received from the department of agriculture which resulted in the forming of a district packing school, and the provincial authorities will be asked to provide an expert to demonstrate the art of pruning.

The prizes offered to the successful competitors in the field crop competition were awarded as follows: Corn: 1, Dean Brothers; 2, W. Heanton; 3, J. T. Harrison. Potatoes: 1, F. Turgose; 2, Dean Bros.; 3, E. H. Marquette.

Mr. Stewart reviewed the work of the year, asserting that it was gratifying to be able to report that much had been accomplished. The financial position of the organization was dealt with by Secretary Gold, who showed that it was on a sound basis in this respect and that a satisfactory number of new members had been obtained in 1916.

Officers were elected as follows: President, L. Stevenson, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney; vice-president, George Stewart; secretary-treasurer, Thomas F. Gold; directors, M. Dean, W. D. Mitchell, J. M. Malcolm, George Budd and J. G. McKay; auditors, T. Tanner and G. Stewart.

A programme for 1917 was outlined by the new president, which indicates that the institute has an exceedingly active twelvemonth before it.

Light refreshments were provided by the ladies after the adjournment, and the gathering closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## ALBERTA PRUSSIAN WILL GO TO PRISON

Sentenced by Judge Lampman This Morning After Hearing Character Witnesses

George Drieszus, the German farmer from Leduc, Alberta, who has been found guilty of inducing soldiers to desert in this city, was this morning sentenced to serve 18 months in jail.

In passing sentence Judge Lampman stated that the evidence showed that in his own neighborhood he was a man of business integrity, but he was born in Prussia and his sentiments were still Prussian. He admired him for not trying to make the court think otherwise. "He had not much of an opinion of men who expressed sentiments of loyalty when they did not feel them. Acts were more important than words."

The act of which he had been convicted was a serious one. It was an endeavor to get men to desert. This was not a case for a fine, for the accused must be put where he could not repeat the offence. He sentenced him to 18 months in prison and suggested that perhaps if the authorities looked into his record at Leduc and found that it was correct they might, if they thought it advisable, let him go sooner.

Before sentencing the prisoner several witnesses were heard as to his good character in Alberta. The case for

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Admission: Adults, 50c; Children, 25c.

# PUSS IN BOOTS Christmas Pantomime

Holders of booked seats should be careful not to make any mistake in the date of their tickets.

Tickets lettered 3 are for Dec. 27

Tickets lettered 4 are for Dec. 28

Tickets lettered 5 are for Dec. 29

Tickets lettered 6 are for Dec. 30

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stealing government property was dropped, as it was the lesser offence, and his honor thought the other sentence sufficient.

F. J. Stacpoole appeared for the crown and W. C. Moresby defended the prisoner.

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"Do you think the word 'obey' ought to be dropped from the marriage ceremony?" "No. Let it stay. It doesn't make any more difference in the actual result than the electoral college."—Washington Star.

"So Stubbs has a mind of his own?" "I should say he has. And you ought to see her use it."—Chicago Herald.



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## DELAYED MAIL HOLDS

### ASIA AT VANCOUVER

C. P. R. Liner Posted to Leave

Mainland at Midnight Bound

for the Orient

Held for delayed overseas mails, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davidson, left N. R. at midnight on her return voyage to the Far East. The Asia was originally scheduled to get away from Vancouver at noon to-day, and with a full cargo stowed away in her holds the liner was ready to put to sea when the word came through that the transcontinental mail train had been delayed in reaching Seattle, which resulted in the cancellation of the sailing hour.

Early this morning the C. P. R. steamship officials were undecided whether to dispatch the liner for Victoria at noon, holding the Princess Victoria an hour at Seattle for the mails, or detain the ocean greyhound on the other side of the Gulf until the mail matter reached Vancouver by the overland route at 10:30 o'clock to-night. Finally the latter plan was decided upon and the local agents were advised to this effect about noon to-day.

Leaving Vancouver at midnight the Empress of Asia will reach the outer docks here about 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, and after embarking local passengers will put to sea for Yokohama and Hongkong. The Empress is taking out 150 passengers in the saloon, 50 second class and 250 in the steerage. Apart from her cargo she will carry an exceptionally large mail, a large part of which is consigned to Russia.

## BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES

American-Hawaiian Line Presents Workers With 20 Per Cent of Annual Pay.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—What is believed to be the largest yearly bonus to employees ever granted by a steamship company is announced by C. W. Cook, Pacific Coast manager of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company.

All employees in offices and on ships, according to Cook's announcement, will receive 20 per cent of their annual salaries. In many cases this will amount to more than \$1,000. In all 1,200 employees will benefit.

## MAKURA ON SCHEDULE

Canadian-Australasian Liner Left Auckland on Tuesday for Victoria.

Word has been received by the local agents that the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, sailed from Auckland on time, the vessel having left the New Zealand port Tuesday, December 26. She is expected to reach here January 11.

## TIMES SHIPPING CHART

### DEEP SEA ARRIVALS

Ship	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Sado Maru	Shinohe	3,360	Gl. Northern	Kobe	Jan. 5
Makura	Phillips	4,321	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 11
Empress of Russia	Robinson	5,782	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 15
Tanaka Maru	Nagase	3,303	Gl. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 15

### DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Empress of Asia	Davidson	5,831	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Dec. 29
Takatsukuba	Cullum	4,522	Gl. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 5
Yokohama Maru	Terada	4,019	Gl. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 5

### COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver	For Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 9 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11:45 p. m.	Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.	For Comox
From Vancouver	Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a. m.
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 9 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 9:30 a. m.	From Comox
For San Francisco	Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
Steamer President, Dec. 29	Steamer Prince Rupert leaves Vancouver Thursdays, 11 p. m.
From San Francisco	From Skagway
Steamer Governor, Jan. 1	Steamer Prince Rupert arrives Vancouver Thursdays, 6 p. m.
For Seattle	From Holberg
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4:30 p. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 20th of each month.
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.	From Holberg
From Seattle	Steamer Tees arrives on 7th and 27th of each month.
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.	From Clayoquot
For Port Angeles	Steamer Tees leaves on 10th of each month.
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.	From Clayoquot
From Port Angeles	Steamer Tees arrives on 10th of each month.
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	

## PORT HAS SEEN BIG DEVELOPMENT

Review of Year's Shipping

Points to Great Maritime Possibilities

OUTER HARBOR WORKS NEARING COMPLETION

Volume of Shipping Remains Steady; Dawn of Steel Shipbuilding Era

During the year just closing there has been a steady volume of shipping entering and clearing at the port of Victoria, and when the maritime situation affecting its development is fully reviewed the future outlook, despite the depression created by the war, is particularly bright. The geographical position of Victoria and its natural advantages as a port have never been disputed, as being the first British port of call and departure on the North Pacific, it is the Canadian gateway to the Orient, Australia and other lands reached by traversing the recognized sea lanes.

The strategic location and importance of Victoria as a port was fully recognized when the scheme was inaugurated for the development of outer harbor facilities which are now rapidly nearing the stage of completion and which will give Victoria one of the best protected and finest equipped ports on the entire Pacific coast.

Beckoning to the commerce of the world the great breakwater at Ogden point stretches out its protecting arm 1,200 feet to seaward, complete after four years of continuous labor, while under its sheltering wing two series of concrete piers are assuming shape and are expected to be finished in readiness to handle the increasing water-borne business of the port during the coming year.

The approaching completion of Victoria's big harbor works is one of the marine features of the year. Actual ground breaking on the breakwater contract was started in 1913, but it remained for the year 1915 to witness the mammoth undertaking forge ahead to completion. The ensuing year should see the great ocean steamships, connecting links with the markets of the Far East, Australasia and the United Kingdom, berthing at the new docks, discharging merchandise and also loading the export products of Vancouver Island.

While the war has been responsible for depletion in tonnage, bithwa touching at this port, all the regular lines, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., the Canadian Australasian line, the Blue Funnel line, the Harrison Direct line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, have maintained uninterrupted passenger and freight service throughout the year.

At the beginning of 1916 the C. P. R. placed all its ocean tonnage under the control of a distinct corporation, known as the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., taking in the ships of the famous Allan line.

Big Empresses Returned.

During the early months of the year the C. P. R. S. Ltd., whose trans-Pacific service was practically eliminated by the commandeering of the entire fleet for war purposes, resumed its sailings between Victoria and the Far East by again placing the splendid leviathans Empress of Russia and Empress of Japan and Montezuma on the run. The return of the large Empresses to the trade, the fastest and most luxurious boats of the Pacific, marked the expansion of the company's passenger business to a phenomenal extent. Never before have such large lists of prominent people traveled to and from the Orient via this port. An outstanding feature in this connection is the marked increase in American tourist and business

## WILL DRYDOCK HERE FRIDAY

G. T. P. STEAMER PRINCE RUPERT

With her arrival at Vancouver from Skagway this afternoon the steamer Prince Rupert will be withdrawn from the Alaska service for the balance of the winter. After her long period of continuous service on the northern run the steamer is in need of a thorough overhaul. She will undergo repairs and will be hauled out in the Esquimalt graving basin to-morrow. Yarrows, Ltd., having been awarded the contract.

travel to and from the Far East by way of the British Columbia coast. Representatives of Norwegian capital have been looking over the local situation with a view to placing orders for steel vessels with local shipbuilding firms, and it is confidently expected that deals will be closed early in the new year.

Uninterrupted Service.

The Harrison Direct Line, operated by J. T. Harrison, of Liverpool, in conjunction with Messrs. Prentice, Service & Henderson, of Glasgow, has maintained a monthly freight service between London, Glasgow, Liverpool and Victoria. This is all the more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that the joint concern has lost twelve of its best carriers, some being vessels engaged in the North Pacific trade, through the practical depredations of the German diver craft.

The Harrison Line stands out as the only line that has maintained its European-North Pacific service during the period of the war to date. When the Panama canal was blocked last year the company sent its freighters here by way of the Straits of Magellan, resuming the shorter route last April when the Isthmian waterway was again thrown open to deep-sea traffic.

Owing to war conditions the Blue Funnel Line failed to resume its Panama service, but the company has by no means abandoned the route. The Blue Funnel steamer, which has been engaged in the North Pacific trade, is expected to resume service here in January 5. The liner has 19 passengers for Victoria and 150 passengers, including 112 steerage, for Seattle. Her cargo consists of 444 tons for Victoria, 220 tons for California points and 1,268 tons for shipment overland from Seattle.

The Sado Maru is crossing the ocean under the command of Capt. Shindoh, formerly master of the liner Yokohama Maru, who has replaced Capt. Asakawa, the latter being on the reserve list. Capt. Asakawa, who has probably seen more service on the North Pacific route than any other Japanese skipper, is in line for promotion, and will probably get the command of one of the company's new liners plying in the European trade.

The Sado is running several days behind schedule, she having been detained at Kobe to undergo repairs. On her last outward trip from this port she encountered heavy gales and her steam steering gear was put out of commission. She has been fitted with improved steering gear. The Sado is now one of the Kobe fleet, having switched runs with the Tanaka Maru, which is now in the Hongkong service.

The only vessel of the N. Y. K. fleet now on the coast is the Yokohama Maru, discharging and loading cargo on Puget sound. The Yokohama is expected to leave here for the Orient on January 5.

## WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 28, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.14; 26; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W.; 30.10; 20; sea smooth. Spoke str Humboldt, 5 a. m.; Seymour Narrows, southbound; str Alameda, 12.15 a. m., abeam Cape Mudge, northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; E.; 30.02; 23; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.88; 26; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; 29.92; 27; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N.; 30.15; 25; sea moderate. Spoke str Latouche, 6.30 p. m.; Millbank Sound, southbound; str Chelohsin, 9.20 p. m., entering Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.80; 23; sea smooth.

Ikedda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.72; 26; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; N. E. light; 29.85; 27; sea smooth. Spoke str Marlborough, 8.05 p. m., off Lawyer's Light, southbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.18; 23; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 30.14; 31; sea smooth. Spoke str Prince Rupert, 10.35 a. m., off Union Bay, southbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; N. W.; 30.15; 26; light swell.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.88; 34; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.90; 20; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N.; 30.16; 26; sea moderate. Spoke str Alameda, 9.40 a. m., off Pine Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E.; light; 30.02; 24; sea smooth.

Ikedda Bay—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.72; 30; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.00; 23; sea smooth.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING STEAMER ABANDONED

Maryland, Which Sent Out Distress Calls Christmas Night, is Believed Lost

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was regarded as probably lost to-day. Search for the vessel and her crew by the coastguard cutters Acushnet and Gresham, which was begun after the Maryland's wireless calls of distress were suddenly silenced Christmas night, was abandoned without having discovered any trace of the steamship by either. Hope for the safety of the steamship's 20 odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamship.

The cutter took up the search for another missing vessel, the new steamship Ozama, of the Clyde Line, bound from Portland, Maine, for New York, without cargo, since leaving Portland on Dec. 12, the steamship had not been reported.

Ozama is Safe.

Block Island, R. I., Dec. 28.—The Clyde liner Ozama, for which four coastguard cutters had been searching along the New England coast, anchored inside the breakwater here to-day. It is believed she was blown to sea in the storms of the past week.

Shipping Intelligence

Port Townsend, Dec. 27.—With a slight list to the starboard, the British steamer Potomac sailed this afternoon for the west coast of South America. Her cargo consisted of 2,700,000 feet of lumber, a portion of which will be used in the construction of a smelter in the west coast to reduce the low grade of copper ore which will not justify shipping to Puget Sound.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str W. S. Porter, Astoria; str Lurline, Honolulu; str Quinault, Gray's Harbor; str Yosemite, Port Gardner; str Phoenix, Coos Bay; str Elizabeth, Bandon.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str Spokane, Southwest via Southeast Alaska; str President, Tacoma; str Ravalli, Tacoma; str Shiloh, Tacoma; str Alameda, Tacoma; str Blaney, str Huskushima Maru, Tacoma; str No. 95, San Francisco via Port Angeles, towing; str Fulton, Vancouver, B. C.

Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str Itukushima Maru, from Seattle; str Elkhorn Thompson, for San Francisco; str President, for Seattle.

Sailed: Str Brooklyn, Bandon; str Carlos, Aberdeen; str Santiam, Astoria; str Chehalis, Gray's Harbor; str Matsonia, Honolulu; str Breakwater, Portland; str Sanuki Maru, Manila, Japan.

Flavel, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str North Pacific, San Francisco.

San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 27.—Lumber carriers arriving to-day were the Klemath from Portland, Vanguard from Eureka, Willamette from Gray's Harbor, James Higgins from Fort Bragg, Daisy Gadsby from Gray's Harbor, G. T. Lindauer from Eureka, and Westerner from Eureka. Departures for the north were str Necanicum for Astoria, str Richmond for Powell River, str Mulnomah for Gray's Harbor, and str Stanley Dollar for San Francisco to be turned over to her new owners, the Alaska Steamship Company.

Juneau, Dec. 27.—Sailed: Str Dolphin, southbound, at 3:15 a. m.

Hongkong, Dec. 27.—Sailed: str Proteus, for Seattle.

Lobitos, Dec. 28.—Sailed: str El Lobo, Vancouver, B. C.

## CAMOSUN'S NEW MASTER

Pilot Succeeds Capt. Dickson Who Has Joined Inland Water Transport.

On her present voyage north the Union Steamship Company's steamer Camosun is under the command of Capt. Brown, formerly pilot of the vessel. He succeeds Capt. Dickson, who has resigned, after many years' service with the company to go overseas with the Inland Water Transport Service. Another well-known British Columbia master mariner who has joined the Inland Water Transport Service is Capt. H. B. Metcalfe, who has resided for some time at Powell River. He was formerly navigating officer on C. P. R. trans-Pacific liners and also a coasting master. He will leave for Mesopotamia next month.

## KINDNESS APPRECIATED

H. F. Garden Forwards New Year's Gift to Capt. Bilton and Newton's Complement.

In appreciation of the kindness shown on him and his companion, Theodore Buran, by the officers and men of the crew of the Dominion light-house tender Newton, H. F. Garden, who was rescued from Storm Island on December 21, after having been marooned for a week, has forwarded to Capt. Harry Bilton, master of the Newton, four boxes of choice cigars to be divided among the complement of the rescue boat.

## TANCREO FOR COAL

The Norwegian steamer Tancreo passed up to Nanaimo this morning from San Francisco. She is under charter to W. R. Grace & Co., and has just completed a voyage to Australia.

New term, January 2, get particulars, Sprott-Shaw Institute.

## NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

Reduced Rates Victoria to Vancouver and Return . . . \$2.70

Tickets on sale Dec. 26, 31 and Jan. 1, 1917. Final return limit, Jan. 4, 1917.

Steamers leave Victoria daily at 2 p. m. and 11:45 p. m. Returning, leave Vancouver at 10:30 p. m. and 11:45 p. m.

For reservations and further information—

## Canadian Pacific Railway

Phone 174 1102 Government Street Agent for all Atlantic Steamship Lines.

## Canadian Northern Railway

Phone 4169 Cor. Langley and Broughton Sts.

## TRANSCONTINENTAL LEAVES VANCOUVER

5:00 A. M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 3:00 A. M.

SCENIC ROUTE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND TORONTO. SHORTEST LINE TO EDMONTON AND PRAIRIE POINTS. NEW AND MODERN EQUIPMENT. ELECTRIC LIGHTED STANDARD AND TOURIST SLEEPING, DINING AND COMPARTMENT OBSERVATION CARS.

DAILY LOCAL SERVICE

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1:45 p. m. Arrive Chilliwack. Arrive a. m. 8:15

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## WALLACE YARDS MAY GET CONTRACTS YET

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—One more effort is being made by Mr. E. B. Smith, of San Francisco, acting on behalf of a Norwegian shipping syndicate, to have four vessels constructed on the North Shore, and there is just a chance that his efforts will be rewarded with success.

"The fact of my being here," he said, "shows that I am trying to put this deal through if it is at all possible to do so. Of course whether I will be able to do that is another question, but at least I am going to make the attempt and I think I can tell you that there is every indication that it will go through."

The original estimate was for the building of four ships by Wallace & Co., but less than three weeks ago it was found that it was impossible to have the work carried out and consequently orders for three 8,000-ton vessels were placed with Coughlan & Son.

Capt. Deschamps, who is associated with Mr. Smith and Mr. Otto Dahl, was here about ten days ago to try and bring the transaction to a successful termination, but was evidently unable to do that and now Mr. Smith is again in the city to use his influence in the matter.

## SUCCEEDS W. S. STEWART

James Macfarlane Transferred From Empress of Asia to Local C. P. R. Offices.

James Macfarlane, assistant purser on the C. P. R. liner Empress of Asia, has been appointed to succeed W. S. Stewart as chief ticket clerk under D. Chelham at the up-town offices of the company. Mr. Macfarlane entered the service of the C. P. R. in 1907 and was formerly purser on the ill-fated Empress of Ireland, having left her only six months before she foundered in the St. Lawrence in collision with the Norwegian steamer Storstad. For a short period prior to his appointment as assistant purser on the Empress of Asia he was with the Canadian Colonies, Ltd., at Union Bay.

W. S. Stewart, late chief clerk, who has been promoted to the newly created position of ticket agent in the Hotel Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart and family, left the city last night for Vancouver, the popular official being accorded a rousing send-off by his numerous friends.

## THE UNION STEAMSHIP CO. OF B. C. LTD.

Sailings to Northern B. C. Ports: S. S. "CAMOSUN" leaves Vancouver every Tuesday at 9 p. m. for Campbell River, Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Shushartie Bay, Namu, Bella Bella, Surf Inlet, Ocean Falls and Bella Coola.

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## BLUE LINER COMING

Proteus En Route From Hongkong to This Port Via Yokohama.

On her second voyage to Victoria this year, the Blue Funnel liner Proteus, Capt. Braithwaite, sailed from Hongkong December 22. The vessel is picking up cargo at Japanese ports and is expected to reach here about January 20. On January 5 next the liner Talthybius, of the same fleet, will leave here on her return trip to the Far East.

## TANKERS FROM PERU.

The tanker Luz Blanca sailed from Talara, Peru, Dec. 29 for Vancouver with crude oil. She is being followed by the El Lobo, which left Lobitos Dec. 28.

## CARRIES NITRATE CARGO.

The American steamer Lewis Luckenbach, which passed up the gulf the other day from Antofagasta is laden with a cargo of nitrate for Vladivostok. She is taking on fuel oil and repairing her steering gear at Vancouver.

## SEEK TO READJUST TRANS-PACIFIC RATES



# SPORTING NEWS

## THREE-CORNERED TIE FOR COAST TITLE

Vancouver Team is Weakened by Absence of Taylor; Patrick in Good Form

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Visions of a Pacific Coast Hockey association pennant are gladdening the eyes of Pete Muldoon's puck-chasers and their several thousand adherents to-day as the result of the overwhelming defeat administered by the Vancouver Millionaires in the arena on Tuesday night. Outskated, outchecked and outfought, the Millionaires were submerged in the first period and did not come to the surface before the bell rang for the second.

Although beaten badly Patrick and his men never stopped trying and did not once retreat before the furious attack of the Metropolitans. Vancouver was beaten because it met a better team that was able to go it one better at everything it tried.

The outcome of the game puts three teams in the league into a tie for first place, each with four games won and three lost. Seattle, Vancouver and Spokane are the trio of leaders. Portland is in the dungeon with two victories and five defeats.

Seattle fans who saw the Mets another Vancouver on Tuesday will have difficulty in conceding any other team in the league a look-in for the pennant. Judging Muldoon's men by their showing in the last three games played here, there is no team in the league that has any right to beat them.

The capable defence of Patrick, St. Griffiths and Lehman, which in previous games has turned back shots that looked like sure goals, could not overcome the brilliant combination play of Foyston, Morris and Walker. Seattle's defence, with Rowe and Holmes playing first-class hockey, was more than the Millionaires consistently could penetrate.

Gordon Roberts injured. Vancouver, unquestionably, is weakened by the absence of Cyclone Taylor from the lineup, but Moyne is by no means a mediocre player. The team last night further was weakened by an injury to "Doc" Roberts, the star wing and leading scorer of the league, which made it necessary for him to quit the game near the end of the second period. A player who took Roberts' place, could not fill the shoes of the fast-skating mid-fielder.

Frank Patrick and the youthful Mickey Mackay were the luminaries for Vancouver. Patrick never played harder but he could not break through from the Seattle forwards who stuck to him like a glue stick to water. St. Griffiths and Stanley also were much in evidence.

## MAJOR LEAGUES WILL TRAIN DOWN SOUTH

New York, Dec. 28.—Five of the six big league clubs will train in Texas next spring, showing that there must be something to John McGraw's contention that Texas offers the best training weather of any state in the union. A list of the major league clubs and their camps follows:

Nationals—Glants, Marlin Springs, Texas; Cardinals, San Antonio, Texas; Pirates, Columbus, Ga.; Cubs, Pasadena, Cal.; Braves, Miami, Fla.; Phillies, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dodgers, Hot Springs, Ark.; Reds, Shreveport, La.; Americans—Tigers, Waukegan, Ill.; White Sox, Mineral Wells, Texas; Browns, Palestine, Texas; Yankees, Muncie, Ind.; Senators, Augusta, Ga.; Indians, New Orleans, La.; Red Sox, Hot Springs, Ark.; Athletics, Jacksonville, Fla.

## BILLIARD NEWS.

Last night's final round in the Metropolis billiard handicap between Messrs. Reed and Dunn resulted in a win for the former, who scored 325 points to his opponent's 252. The match was a good one throughout, the largest break of the evening being 29, made by Mr. Reed.

## JAMES BRAID MADE THE LONGEST DRIVE

Golfer Was One of Few Scotsmen to Win the English Open Title

Golf has lost one of its most brilliant exponents. The untimely death of James Braid, who was killed in England recently when he fell in trying to board a moving train, was a blow to the golfing fraternity everywhere, for Braid was a player of international fame.

He was one of the very few Scotsmen who ever captured the English open title, which he won on the Muirfield links, Gilmann, Scotland, on June 4, 1901. After his first victory in the annual open tournament abroad, Braid came back as a repeater four times, winning the championship in 1902, 1906, 1908, and 1910.

Braid competed in many open events against the greatest golfers of all time, and he was rated always as one of the most consistent players in the game. Vardon, Hilton, Taylor, Herd and Maxey were some of the players who fell before Braid at various times. As a driver of extraordinary ability, Braid gained a reputation wherever golf was played. He was known as the longest driver—amateur or professional—in the whole golf world. His records are expected to stand for years. His card for the famous St. Andrews course and many other famous links will be handed down to coming generations of golfers as a wonderful accomplishment.

In Braid was found proof of the often made argument regarding physique and the golfer. Braid was not a giant in size; not a man of great physical power, yet he was the longest driver in the world. His success with the clubs has been attributed to skill, not strength, and it proves conclusively that efficiency in the handling of clubs means more than the shoulders or the swing behind them. So seemingly uncanny was Braid's skill that it was often said he could talk to a golf ball and it would do his bidding.

Braid was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1870, and he received his education as a golfer on the Gullane links. His first bid for fame was when, as a lad of 16 years, he won his first championship. Naturally it was a local affair.

Braid then continued his success, winning many of the smaller tournaments in the British Isles, until, in 1901, when many of his admirers urged him to enter the open championship event, he did so, and won it.

Harry Vardon, a former champion, played against Braid in the 1901 four-day Harold Hilton and J. H. Taylor were also entered. The tournament narrowed down to the finals and found Braid matched with Hilton, then amateur champion, and Vardon playing against Taylor. Braid won his match with Hilton and Vardon came through with a victory over Taylor.

The final match between these two golfers will never be forgotten in England. Braid's sensational driving proved too much of a handicap for Vardon to overcome, and the Scotchman captured the English open title.

The loss of James Braid is a severe blow to the great Scotch pastime.

## RUGBY MATCH WITH BANTAMS POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that many of the rugby players of the military units are away on holiday leave the match between the V. I. A. A. and the Bantam Battalion will not be held until a week from Saturday at the earliest.

W. H. Davies, to whom is due the credit of having revived the game among local players, has announced that he is endeavoring to have a match played on New Year's Day between the V. I. A. A. and a team from H. M. S. Ontario. As yet, however, he has not heard as to whether the game can be played.

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## MORE FACTS ABOUT THE MIGHTY COBB

How Much Longer Will the Great Player Remain in the Game

That Ty Cobb, only 30 years old on his last birthday, has come to be regarded as an old man in his profession, and was a subject of speculation, this past season, as to whether or not he had started over the hill that they all go down in time, shows how youth will be served in baseball. It also illustrates the vagaries of the mind of the fan and of the critic. Many men of both classes who have been in the game since Cobb failed to overhaul Speaker last season, and said how sad, said it was that Ty Cobb has begun to retrograde.

A ball player doesn't have to do much slipping in the particular line in which he has excelled to have the folk think he is beginning to retrograde. For instance, Cobb batted .379 last season. That is better than his grand average for the 11 seasons and part of a twelfth that he has been here, and in nine of which he was league champion, and usually the world champion, batsman. He did not slip. Simply his Cleveland rival had an abnormal season. Bar Speaker and Joe Jackson, there is no man in the league who has beaten Cobb's 1916 mark twice. Lajoie, in this connection, is regarded as out of the league now.

How far Cobb will go is a question. Lajoie retired this fall, after having been in the majors nearly 10 years prior to Cobb's debut. Wallace, in even earlier than Larry, also ended his career with the expiration of his 1916 contract with the St. Louis club. But these players were of a different type. Lajoie, although heavier than Cobb, lasted longer than Ty will, because he was not banging up his legs on the base paths, having no ambition to be regarded as a great base runner. And he did not have to hustle to first on infield grounders, which he either did not hit or hit so fast that he couldn't beat them anyway.

In view of the great success that he has attained and the fact that he has been an American league regular from the first time he went into a game, it is of interest to recall that Cobb started by accident. When he reported here, Armour, who is responsible for his appearance in Detroit, intended to use him as a substitute, and let him get some experience before trying to give him regular employment. But Dick Cooley, discovering that an August day was very warm, that there was a bush on the bench, and knowing that the Tigers were out of the race, told Armour that he was sick. Bull sent Cobb in, and before the game was over Cooley had begun to figure out what minor league club he would buy. He was done that day, and then went to Toledo, where he made some money as a magnate.

Cobb has one record that has been duplicated by very few batsmen in the history of the sport. He has played in approximately 1,700 games. And only once, and then, when he still was a green youngster, has it been necessary to send anybody to his assistance when a batting rally was started. Freddie Payne, who always could murder left-handers, took Cobb's place against Doc White one day in 1905 or 1906. At that time White was poison to Cobb. But before the southpaw got out of the league the Georgian had maced him for a grand batting mark of 335.

On one occasion a batter hit in place of Cobb. But that was after he had established his reputation, and the substitute was not really a pinch hitter. Detroit went into its ninth inning five or six runs behind, and with little hope, as the opposing pitcher was going well, Cobb had batted in the eighth, so there seemed to be no chance to hit again, and he went to the showers. A rally started. The umpires, of course, wouldn't wait for Ty, so Mullin batted in his place. But that was a mistake that Ty had hit, but the Vahoon man, hearing the din of battle, got back to the diamond quickly enough to take his time at bat and to crack one that broke up the ball game.

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## REJECT REQUEST FOR LIFTING OF DRAFT

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Demands made upon the National and American Leagues by the Class A.A. leagues asking for the elimination of the draft rule, will be turned down by the National commission. This is made on excellent authority and in view of the fact that a baseball war is threatened by the minors if their requests are refused.

Not only are both major leagues naturally opposed to eliminating the draft, but the three leagues which made the request are divided upon the advisability of such action, so that in case of the international attempting to force the measure it could look for very little support from the American Association and Pacific Coast League.

## P. C. H. A. STANDING.

Team.	Pid.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Art.	Pct.	Play
Vancouver	7	4	3	28	36	20	.571	17
Spokane	7	4	3	31	35	19	.571	17
Seattle	7	4	3	28	34	16	.571	17
Portland	7	2	5	28	30	14	.500	17

Matches this week: Friday, Spokane at Portland; Saturday, Seattle at Vancouver.

## LOCAL Y.M.C.A. WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Fine Programme is Prepared for New Year's Day; Public Invited

As has been the custom for some years past, the Y.M.C.A. will hold open house on New Year's Day and will provide an interesting programme for the entertainment of all those who attend. This "open house" is in the nature of a "get acquainted day," and the directors extend a cordial invitation to all Victoria to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the Y.M.C.A.

Among the other events a basketball game has been arranged between teams representing the Rotary Club and the Young Men's Business Class. A special invitation has been sent to the Rotary Club asking the members to attend with their families. The following is the entire afternoon's programme:

- 2.00—Boys' relay races in front of Y.
- 2.30—Badminton and volleyball between teams of business men.
- 3.00—Group games by the boys' department.
- 3.30—Basketball: Rotary Club vs. Young Business Men.
- 4.30—Swimming and diving exhibition.
- 5.00—Refreshments prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary will be served.

In the evening the First Presbyterian ladies' basketball team will play a team from the Victoria Normal School at 8 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock the Y.M. senior team will play the First Presbyterian seniors.

## CULLY WILSON IS OUT OF THE GAME

Cully Wilson, Seattle hockey team's scrappy wing-man, may be lost to the club for several weeks and possibly a month.

This was learned after the Metropolitan-forward had been examined by the club physician, Dr. Kelton. Wilson retired from Tuesday's game early. He was injured when St. Griffiths, the heavy Vancouver defence man, fell on his leg in a scrimmage. The ligament which supported the cartilage in his left leg was torn, and it is probable that his leg will have to be put in a cast.

Wilson's services will be missed, but Manager Muldoon has two capable substitutes who he can send into the fray at any time, and Wilson's position will be taken care of. Riley will probably substitute for him.

## NEW SIMULTANEOUS CHESS RECORD SET

Frank J. Marshall, American chess champion, played 129 games simultaneously on Tuesday at Philadelphia, winning 57 of the contests. He tied 23 games and lost 9. His competitors included many of the best local chess players as well as contenders from Chicago, Porto Rico, Texas and London.

Marshall's feat required his keeping in mind the location of 4,128 pieces at one time, and is said to be a record.

## NEW YORK TO HAVE FINE GOLF COURSE

New York, Dec. 28.—One of the finest golf courses in the country, with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars, is to be laid on 1,300 acres of ground near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia. It was announced yesterday that the Canadians will organize a golf club, it was said, and many of them plan to establish homes on the property.

## PAULSON IS AFTER THE WORLD'S TITLE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Harry Paulson, who for five successive years won the amateur fancy skating championship of Norway, is after a contest to decide the world's professional fancy skating championship. The challenge is open to all comers.

Paulson proposes a series of elimination trials, the winners to be selected by a committee of sporting writers.

## BASKETBALL RESULTS.

Last night's game between the Willows Camp and the Firemen's senior team on the floor of the latter, resulted in a win for the soldiers by a score of 15 to 12. The match was fast and good play was demonstrated throughout.

Following this game a contest took place between the Y.M. Intermediates and the Firemen's intermediate team. The former club won 31 to 20.

Next Tuesday night the Firemen will play the Willows Camp at the Willows.

## V.I.A.A. TO PLAY.

This evening at 8 o'clock the V.I.A.A. is holding a basketball practice between the senior and intermediate teams of the association at the club rooms in Victoria West. The line-ups are as follows: Seniors—Kennedy and McArthur, guards; Shakespeare, centre; Todd and Jessup, forwards; Intermediates—Grubb and Hall, guards; Sweeney, centre; Huxtable and Staples, forwards.

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## THE WONDER OF AN EMPEROR.

The Czar of Russia was recently visiting a field hospital, and, as is frequently the case, he had donned mufti, with a view to rendering himself less noticeable.

Stopping by a wounded soldier who was being attended to by the doctors, he gazed at him pityingly.

One of the orderlies, seeing his majesty was interested in the man, thereupon asked him how he felt.

"Badly enough," replied the soldier. "But it is not my hurt I mind so much. It is rather that I was caught by this cursed bit of shell just half-an-hour before the emperor was due to pass our way, and I have always wanted to see him."

"Well," said the orderly, "why then, do you not look at him now, my son? He is there by your side."

"Don't tell me!" cried the wounded man angrily, eyeing the plainly-dressed and mud-stained Nicholas with a glance of profound contempt. "As I did not know that emperors are not made like that!"—From a London paper.

## REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF HOLIDAY?" The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Bolekine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillamook Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places as may be designated by the Board of School Trustees, at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his vote for two (2) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a School Trustee shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Bolekine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillamook Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m. of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; and being otherwise qualified by this Act for election to serve as a school trustee in such district municipality school district.

On which day are you in favor of a Half Holiday? Mark X opposite the day you are in favor of.

**Wednesday**  
**Saturday**

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**BORN.** STEWART.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Stewart, 1519 Fern street, on the 26th inst., a daughter.

**NORMAN.**—On Dec. 27, to the wife of Gunner J. H. Norman (10th Brigade, Ammunition Column), a son.

**ELWORTHY.**—On Dec. 27, to the wife of Mr. H. B. Elworthy, 259 Prior street, a son.

**DIED.** HARDAKER.—On December 26, at Jubilee Hospital, William T. Hardaker, for many years a resident of Victoria; born in Yorkshire, England, 62 years of age.

The funeral has been arranged to take place from the R. C. Funeral Chapel at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, 1916. Interment in Ross Day cemetery.

## EX-REEVE SAUNDERS WILL BE CANDIDATE

Former Occupant of Esquimalt Council's Chair Will Run in Ward II.

The situation in Esquimalt municipality with respect to the forthcoming election has cleared and the indications are that the 1917 council will be returned without a contest, the several vacancies which have occurred being filled by old time residents of the district acceptable to the ratepayers of the wards in which they will be candidates.

R. Saunders, Esquimalt's reeve in 1913 and 1914, and who occupied the chair for a part of the 1915 term after the death of J. S. McAdam, who was returned to the office at the beginning of that year, announced to-day that he had consented to allow his name to be presented for election as councillor for Ward II, in which section there is a vacancy.

There is no doubt that the ratepayers of Ward II, as well as residents of the entire municipality, will be gratified to know that Mr. Saunders has agreed to assist in the management of Esquimalt's business again, providing he is endorsed. During his occupancy of the reeve's chair several matters of importance to the district were initiated and carried through successfully. One of these was the sewerage system, the project being financed and practically finished during the time that Mr. Saunders presided at the council.

With Mr. Saunders' announcement the indications are that the personnel of the Esquimalt council of next year will be as follows:

Reeve, Arthur Cole. Councillors—Ward I, J. F. Mesher and J. M. Jones (G. McCallister is retiring). Ward II, G. Brindley and J. R. Saunders (Phil Austin is retiring). Ward III, R. A. Anderson and W. J. Cave.

### LOCAL NEWS

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Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

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New term, January 2; get particulars. Spratt-Shaw Institute.

Public Market.—New Year's market will be held all day Friday and Saturday. All the stalls are expected to be occupied with fresh local vegetables, fruit, poultry, meats, fish, flowers, plants, home-made pies, cakes, candies, toys, dolls, etc. Large crowds are expected.

Asking for Re-survey.—A small deputation from Nanaimo, introduced by Parker Williams, M. P., waited upon the premier and the minister of mines this afternoon with reference to the matter of a re-survey of some lands in Nanaimo mining division. The representations made will be considered later.

Aviation Recruiting.—Capt. Lord Robert Alastair Innes-Ker, of the Royal Flying Corps, who was a visitor in Victoria yesterday, has established an office in Vancouver for a few weeks, where applications may be made by those who wish to join the aviation part of the military service. His lordship returned to Vancouver last night in order to be in close touch with the activities of the office.

Want Road Opened Up.—When Hon. Dr. King was on his way from home to the capital, following his re-election, he was interviewed at Revelstoke by the board of trade in regard to opening up a road to the Big Bend district. The minister pointed out that in the building of roads a definite plan must be laid out and followed, so that the greatest efficiency and most service could be obtained for the amount expended. Dr. King stated that he understood the minister of mines was considering plans for the opening up of such areas as that in question.

Endless Chain.—The endless chain bug has broken out in a new form. An American concern known as the National Brokerage Exchange started a chain promising to give to the recipient of each letter a new 1917 model petticoat, and the result was that on one day no less than 25,000 letters were sent through the mail to the address of that concern in Minneapolis. The police and the post office authorities of the United States are unable to stop the flood of dimes sent by those who expect to get something for nothing. As a number of Victorians have received these letters it is well for them to know the facts.

## FIFTY-FIVE LOCAL MERCHANTS FINED

Victoria Businessmen Penalized for Breach of Half-Holiday Act Last Saturday

### MOST THOSE CALLED ADMIT THEIR GUILT

Sum of \$550 Received by Clerk of Police Court To-day in Fines

This morning 55 Victoria merchants pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to have their stores closed on Saturday last, contrary to the Half-holiday Act. Six others pleaded not guilty and their cases were adjourned until Wednesday of next week.

There were no other cases called for trial before the magistrate.

The police court seemed to be full of businessmen this morning. It was the most respectable audience that has gathered there for many a day. Every one seemed to be happy, and it was suggested that this was because the ten-dollar investments had paid well.

The few who were first called seemed inclined to protest, but later it became a procession and the money came in at the rate of about ten dollars a minute. J. A. Maynard said that the public demanded that the stores should remain open on that night. T. L. Hayden, when asked to plead admitted that he had committed a technical offence. H. A. Munday, who had three stores and was compelled to pay \$30 in fines, said that it would have been a public calamity to have kept closed on Christmas Eve.

His worship, Magistrate Jay, assumed that the magistrate was bound to act and not to express an opinion.

John A. Hoyle, of Oak Bay avenue, said that there was a store within a stone's throw of his place of business which was open all the time. In his case it was open for the sale of stamps and to weigh parcels. He sold only tobacco and fruit and candies. On his case being remanded until Wednesday next he wanted to know what he was to do on the coming Saturday. Was he to be allowed to keep open for the sale of stamps and candies and fruit?

The magistrate said that he could keep open to sell stamps.

Other cases that were adjourned until next Wednesday because of the fact that they pleaded guilty were: H. Roberts, Sam Hock, Hong Lee, A. Burroughs, Joseph Rose and J. H. Keys, of the Oakland post office. The last mentioned stated that he was bound to keep open as the post office was in the store, and the only way to admit people was through the store. He sold fruit, candy and stamps. The Chinese claimed that they sold nothing but fruit, candy and similar goods.

The following is the list of those who pleaded guilty and paid their fines: H. O. Phillips, Herbert Kent, H. A. Munday, L. Hayden, J. A. Maynard, Oscar Lucas, A. W. Whitney, Robert Watson, A. R. Burris, Geo. Powell, E. Wenger, E. H. Webb, Geo. Barber, J. D. Norrie, A. Griffiths, T. N. Hibben, Jos. Somers, F. W. Haynes, E. Anderson, J. W. Mills, O. H. Dorman, Kirk & Driskley, G. Hemmel, A. Burrows, H. Whittingham, Richardson & Stevens, G. D. Christie, Dixi Ross & Co., W. & J. Wilson, Fletcher Bros., O'Connell's, Ltd., A. B. Matheson, F. A. Gowen, W. H. Wilkerson, H. Greenfelder, A. Saunders, Gideon Hicks, Mrs. Aaronson, J. Hermann, Geo. McCandless, P. R. Smith, Shortt, Hill & Duncan; Macey Office Equipment Co., Y. Kusumi, R. Kawai, A. Doherty, J. N. Harvey, Ltd.; A. Holmes, H. A. Fox, Carter Electric Co., David Spencey, W. W. Cathcart, M. J. Little, Samuel Glaser.

The amount collected in fines from these cases was \$550.

Light Fines Imposed.

New Westminster, Dec. 28.—Twenty-eight of the leading merchants of the city faced Magistrate Edmonds this morning charged with infractions of the Saturday Half-holiday Act by keeping their retail stores open for trading on Saturday afternoon and evening last. They all pleaded guilty, the majority having advertised their intentions in the press. A fine of \$2 and no costs was imposed in each case.

Situation in Vancouver.

In Vancouver the names of a large number of storekeepers were taken by the police on Saturday afternoon. Summonses have been issued and 47 offenders are to appear before Magistrate Shaw this week.

CHILDREN SEE MATINEE

Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., Entertains Families of R. N. C. V. R. and R. C. N. at Pantomime.

At this afternoon's matinee of "Puss in Boots" the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., entertained the wives and children of the men of the R. N. C. V. R. and the R. C. N., two hundred and fifty seats being reserved for them in the orchestra. By the kindness of Captain Davidson of H. M. S. Oranor, convenient programmes were given to each child. After the performance the ladies of the French Red Cross are giving to each child a Christmas present. The chapter takes this opportunity of thanking the following, who gave donations of money to help defray the expenses of same:

Superintendents, \$50; Esquimalt Chapter, I. O. D. E., \$17.50; Lady Douglas Chapter, \$10.00; Agnes Deane Cameron Chapter, \$5.00; Gonzales Chapter, \$5.00.

## REEVE MCGREGOR IS TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

Chairman of Saanich Council Accepts Invitation to Transfer to School Board

In response to a widely representative deputation which waited upon him from Saanich yesterday Reeve McGregor agreed to accept nomination to the school board of the district. The announcement was cordially received at the Ward VII. Ratepayers' association last evening.

There are two trustees to be elected this year, Chairman J. L. Brooks, of Saanichton, and Trustee Owens. The latter is stated to be anxious to retire.

The object of Reeve McGregor in agreeing to run, after he has served five arduous years on the council, three of them as reeve, is to endeavor to straighten out the difficulty with regard to school accommodation in the Cloverdale section. The plan of a new school at Tillicum road, and also one near the city boundary on Quadra street, in order to relieve the overcrowding, has been wrestled with by the board throughout the year, without very satisfactory results.

The reeve has taken keen interest in educational matters, and has been glad to note an improved standard in the schools, as shown by the entrance examinations to the High school, in fact he has stimulated competition by giving the reeve's medal to the candidate passing highest in the last two or three years from Saanich schools.

The question of accommodation he considers most essential for solution, particularly since the Saanich children have been refused admission to the city schools near the boundary, and these children have to be found places. At present in the Maywood district extra rooms are required to provide for the overflow from Tolmie school.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Manufacturers and Railways Suggest A. V. Pineo for Compensation Commission

There was a large deputation of manufacturers and representatives of railway and timber interests before the provincial executive this forenoon to make representations respecting the personnel of the board which is to administer the Workmen's Compensation Act.

It was the desire of the deputation that the government appoint as chairman of the compensation board Avard V. Pineo, formerly departmental solicitor under the late attorney general and now inspector of legal offices. Mr. Pineo was chairman of the second commission appointed by the late government to "check up" the expensive labor commission on this portion of its work.

In the reputation were Mr. Knight, who was chairman and introduced the speakers; Mr. Matthews, J. A. Cunningham, president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association; Captain C. H. Nicholson, of the G.T.P. Steamship Co.; D'Arcy Tate, K.C., of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; D. O. Lewis, of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway; A. T. Goward, of the B. C. Electric Railway; H. B. Robertson, representing the Canadian Colliers (Dunsmuir), Ltd.; Mr. Hackett, representing the lumbering, logging and shingle interests; C. F. Todd, representing the cannery and fishing interests.

The full executive was present to hear the views of the deputation, except Hon. T. D. Pattullo, who has gone North to bring down his family. Several of the deputation spoke in support of the object of their visit and urged that Mr. Pineo would be an excellent man as head of the commission.

The premier informed the deputation that his representations would be considered, together with the many that had been made to the government respecting various phases of the act and the personnel of the board.

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Five Chinese Fined for Keeping Stores Open on Sunday.

Ten dollars each was the fine paid this morning by five Chinese merchants for keeping their stores open on Sunday, December 17, in contravention of the Sabbath Observance Act. Before these cases could be brought before the court it was necessary to get the assent of the attorney general, hence the delay in prosecuting. The firms which were fined were: Quin Chong, 557 Fisgard street; Quong Sacke Lung, 1621 Government; Wing Sang Yuen, 1710 Government; Hung Kee, 1820 Government; Lung Kee, 2651 Douglas.

Pandora Avenue Expropriation.—The city solicitor advised the civic court of revision this afternoon not to proceed with the attempt to confirm the assessment of Pandora avenue expropriation by-law, in view of the appeal in the writ of prohibition started by the B. C. Electric Railway. The case has already been adjourned several times, and other objections have not yet been considered. In view of the fact that the company is appealing against the court of revision proceeding with hearing the question at all, it was felt better to adjourn, and leave the subject over to the court to be appointed by the incoming council. The court will meet again on January 25, 1917.

## ALDERMAN A. E. TODD ADDRESSES ROTARIANS

Explains to Club Why Victoria Should Be Prosperous in 1917

"Victoria's Prospects for 1917" was the subject of a five-minute rapid-fire speech made this afternoon by Alderman A. E. Todd at the mid-week luncheon of the Rotary club. President Abell was in the chair and there was a full attendance of members.

"The prospects for the coming year are, to say the least, better than at any time for the past three or four years. There are five reasons that I can give why I consider this to be the case," said the speaker.

"In the first place the war will either come to an end or by the close of the year it will have so shaped that there will be no doubt as to who is to win. The second reason for the increase of prosperity which I prophesy is that production is on the increase. This is seen in mining, farming, stock raising, agriculture and manufacturing. It is indeed satisfactory to see the increase of business along these lines. In the immediate future this will have a great effect on the general condition of the country.

"The third reason is one which has been talked about a good deal in the past. I refer to the Panama canal and the increase of shipping on the Pacific coast. Owing to the troubles, the improvement in business which was talked about so much did not materialize. Many of the difficulties have now been overcome, and the increased demand for British Columbia products is bound to increase the shipping on the coast.

"Cheaper money is the next consideration. To anyone who has sat on the city council for the past three years the prospect of cheaper money is something to raise the hopes of everyone. For several years the city has had to pay all sorts of prices for money. Everyone knows that the taxes are high enough, and if anything can be done to cheapen money it will mean less taxes. Many industries would have been started here if there had been money available. Capital will soon be seeking investment instead of people looking for money.

"The last reason that I am going to give you is the fact that in the Northwest people have been making money very fast since the war commenced, owing to the high price of wheat. As soon as the price moves downward, as it is bound to do soon, many of these people will sell out and look elsewhere for a home. The competition is between British Columbia and California and it is for the people of this coast to see that many of them come here. If the people do their duty these immigrants will be secured.

"In order to take advantage of these conditions, Victorians should busy themselves. They should build the Johnson street bridge. In order to get this done all the people should get behind it and have it done right. It would be better to wait than not have it done right. I see no reason, however, why we should not do it right and put it through during the coming year.

"The development of the reserve, of the ocean docks, and of the other shipping and terminal facilities is the next thing to be done. Intelligent effort could make this a splendid terminal. Owing to the geographical position it is a fact that most of the shipping going to Vancouver and Puget passes within twelve miles of this port. Most of the ships would be glad to stop if they could do so. If there were facilities, practically all the ships would stop and discharge passengers and freight here.

"The patronizing of home industries is not a new cry, but it is just as important now as ever it was. Local merchants and farmers should be patronized. All should get behind them in order to increase the prosperity of the city.

"These are many municipal problems which have to be tackled. We have been staving these off for several years. With the prospect of cheaper money and improved conditions these serious problems will have to be dealt with. We cannot have really good times until rents have increased several times, for if the rents on the business properties do not increase the taxes will have to be raised from the homes. Every time the assessment on business property is reduced the load of taxation is taken off it and placed on the homes. There is need of finding a solution to this problem so that the burden may bear upon the community as lightly as possible.

The last suggestion I have to make is that we take advantage of the movement of people from the Northwest. Thousands will be leaving. We have a climate and a beautiful city with paved streets and all natural and artificial advantages. All should work together to get them here in order to insure the prosperity of the city."

There was besides the address from Alderman Todd a programme of music and readings. One interesting feature was a comparison between the Columbia Gramophone and the cornet playing of J. V. Beattie. The only distinction noticeable was the different accompaniment to the gramophone selection. The test was interesting as showing the development which has been made in sound reproduction of recent years.

Frank Sehl sang, read a poem, recited and Jar. Hunter read one of Service's poems.

It was decided to procure badges for the use of the society in order that they may be ready for the convention in Vancouver early in the year.

### SPAIN UNDECEIVED.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Spanish cabinet has reached no decision in regard to the attitude of the government toward the peace movement.

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## ASKS COUNCIL TO INSIST ON NOTICE

Motion to Reconsider Plan to Release Saanich From Fire Protection Agreement

That there is no intention to bury the hatchet with regard to the disputes between the city and Saanich councils, is shown in a notice posted by Mayor Stewart to-day at the city hall, returning for reconsideration the motion passed on Tuesday evening to relax the six months' notice due by Saanich to the city in terminating the fire protection service agreement over a portion of the district municipality.

The city council had passed that motion on Tuesday before the row developed over Mount Douglas park taxes, agreeing to allow the district council to terminate its plan of a monthly rental on Dec. 31. At present the city is receiving \$150 a month for the service from No. 5 hall, but with the installation of hydrants the district council is in a position to organize its own volunteer department.

At a meeting some months ago, the fire wardens agreed to waive the notice of six months decided upon when the agreement was drafted. As a return for the institution of the suit to tax Mt. Douglas park, the city fathers will be asked to enforce the full notice, and thereby compel Saanich to pay \$500 more. Several of the aldermen are determined to support the mayor, and extract the full amount.

The case for Saanich in this matter

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## SKI-ING PATROL IS INAUGURATED

Esquimaux Waterworks Leads Way, and City is Considering Adoption of Same Method

The Esquimaux Waterworks Company has just initiated, and the city water commission proposes to follow suit, a patrol of the waterworks flow lines by men equipped with skis, the well known method of snow traveling in northern Scandinavia.

Observers from the city have been able to note the line of snow on the Sooke and Goldstream hills for several days past, and traveling on snow is by no means an easy matter, particularly when it is soft.

At Sooke Lake there is 15 inches of snow already mantling the ground below the dam, while 18 inches is reported in the higher lakes of the Goldstream group. The Esquimaux Waterworks Company, an official of the company stated today, is using the regular Norwegian ski, as adapted in eastern Canada, from where their supply was obtained.

The men are getting accustomed at the Esquimaux waterworks to the means of snow locomotion, and it is anticipated by the company that from the upper lake, which is 1,770 feet above sea level, down to the Japan Gulch reservoir the skis may be made of service. They are believed to give better results than snowshoes.

The situation at Sooke Lake is difficult, owing to the isolation of the caretaker. The road over the summit from Goldstream is now reported to be impassable, and while Mr. Campbell took in a quantity of provisions when last in the city, he is understood to be cut off from communication with the outer world. It is absolutely necessary that there should be a patrol maintained of the concrete flow line along Sooke river, and the only alternative from sinking in the soft snow is either equipping the men with snowshoes or skis.

The water commissioner is considering the matter at this time.

Mr. Revelstoke is the best known skiing group in Canada to-day, and there is no reason why what has been described as the king of winter sports should not be applied in this district to the very necessary patrol of the water services of the city and district.

## ANNANCE IS RELEASED

Fine Remitted, as Payment Would Have Fallen Upon Family, Not on Him.

Peter Annance, who was committed to jail for nine months and fined \$200, in default of paying which he would have to put in another three months, for offences committed during the by-election in Vancouver last February, completed the jail portion of the sentence at the Wilkeson Road jail just on the eve of Christmas, and was released in time to spend the day with his wife and son in Vancouver.

Throughout the man's confinement in jail his wife has been making every effort to secure his release, making unsuccessful appeals both to the old government and the new one, and beginning her appeals to the new administration as soon as it was known that there would be a change. The good services of the Liberal leaders had been asked for by her as far back as June last, following the appearance of Annance as a witness before the legislative committee.

When the end of her husband's prison term approached, Mrs. Annance appealed to the government to remit the fine and the penalty for non-payment. She made it plain that Annance had no means to raise the money, but that she would make every effort to raise the three hundred dollars herself in order to free her husband in time for his return home before Christmas. Just how she intended to do it she did not say, but it was plain that the cost would fall on her and not the man, so that it would really be her and her son who would suffer and not Annance.

Considering the matter in this light, and feeling that some consideration was due Mrs. Annance for the frank manner in which she gave her testimony before the legislative committee, the provincial executive decided to remit the fine, and accordingly the man was released at the expiry of his jail term and returned to his home in Vancouver.

## TEUTONIC ATTACKS REPULSED BY RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Stubborn resistance is being offered by the Russians and their allies to the efforts of the Teutonic forces to expel them from the portion of Dobruja which still remains in their hands. Attacks yesterday were repulsed with great losses to the Teutonic allies, to-day's report from the war office says.

## SUIT SETTLED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The suit for \$1,500,000 against Thos. Kelly & Sons entered by the Manitoba government has been settled. No court arguments were necessary and the trial judges will fix the amount the firm has to return to the province this week. It will be considerably under \$1,000,000. Manitoba now drops out of the case as Kelly is in the penitentiary and no further action is necessary.

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## GRAVE CONDITIONS EXIST IN HUNGARY

Burden of Carrying on Conflict is Becoming Unbearable

## UNLESS PEACE COMES COLLAPSE IS INEVITABLE

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says: "Since the peace offer was made King Charles has been in constant consultation with his advisers. He saw Count Tizsa twice. Count von Berchtold is almost always in attendance and, as is well known, he has great influence with the emperor, who considers him the most able diplomat of the monarchy.

"Among the many and most difficult problems confronting the emperor, are grave internal conditions, the burning question of manpower and the everlasting political crisis in Austria.

"In all these super-tasks the question of peace seems to occupy first place in the best minds of the monarchy at present.

"Everybody feels that unless the peace movement is successful the coming military efforts, as well as the sacrifices demanded of the people will far overtax their strength and resources, and will place a burden on the nation, especially as regards Hungary, which it is unable to bear, and that a collapse will be inevitable.

"The newspapers are not allowed, although they have tried, to say how and why the people long so anxiously for peace.

"Yesterday almost every one of the morning papers appeared with the first pages blank, the leading articles having been censored out entirely. But they were permitted to describe the scenes and conversations, and these are quite adequate to reveal what the people feel and what they expect.

"It was a common thing a few days ago when the newspapers announced that a peace offer was made to see people kiss each other in the cafes, while elderly shopkeepers and merchants broke into tears, sang songs in the streets and offered prayers of thanks. They behaved like children out of pure happiness in the hope that their tortures were about coming to an end."

## PLANS CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THRIFT

Minister of Finance Will Devote Attention to Organizing Movement

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The following official announcement was made this morning:

"Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, will immediately after the close of the year inaugurate the national savings campaign, which was interrupted by his visit to England. The minister will, during the next two or three months, make speeches throughout the Dominion and devote his personal attention to the organization of the movement which will have the co-operation of the several banks, with their thousands of branches throughout Canada, and of the post office savings branches. There will be extensive advertising to which the minister is giving careful attention.

"The object of the campaign will be to promote thrift and reasonable economy with the object of making the mass of the people of Canada investors in government securities. The proceeds of these securities will help to pay Canada's increasing war expenditures and provide imperial credits for the purchase of munitions and other supplies, including grain and food-stuffs in Canada.

"The minister is of the opinion that the huge sums now being expended for these purposes in Canada should be saved and thus made available for fresh orders. If this is done, not only will Canada's prosperity continue, but the output of Canadian munitions factories will increase and help to save the lives of our men at the front and shorten the war. The provision of further imperial credits will also assist Great Britain to purchase more Canadian grain, foodstuffs and all other products.

"The minister is also of the view that Canada's position after the war will be greatly strengthened by national savings at this time when so much money is in circulation, and looks forward to the Canadian people owning the greater part of the securities issued by the Dominion to meet the costs of the war.

"As the minister will require to give a great deal of personal attention and supervision of the national savings campaign, he has requested Sir Herbert Ames and W. F. Nickle, M. P., to specially assist him during the coming session with his legislative and other duties. Mr. Nickle will assist the minister in the matter of any legislation that may be necessary relating to pensions. Mr. Nickle was chairman of the special parliamentary commission on pensions whose report was the basis of the present pension system."

## AUSTRIA REPLIES.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Austria's reply to the Wilson note was received late today. It is understood to be substantially the same as Germany's.

## RUSSIA DETERMINED TO CONTINUE WAR

Will Talk Peace Only When German is Beaten to Her Knees

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—M. Rodzianko, the president of the Duma, gave the Petrograd correspondent of the New York World a strong statement regarding peace.

"I understand President Wilson's friendly humanitarian motives in sending the note," he said, "and do not commit the error of believing that this is merely another way of presenting the German proposal; but I believe that any peace suggestion whatever is now unacceptable to the Russian people.

"The president might have realized this. It is particularly unfavorable, in view of the growing friendly relations between America and Russia.

"It comes to me at a time when my desk is crowded with telegrams and letters from all parts of Russia, from the highest to the peasants, congratulating me on my recent speech to the Duma, saying that the war must be fought out until the German pretences are crushed.

"I can speak for the body of the Russian people. Talk of peace only offends us at the moment when the allies are finally adequately prepared to meet Germany. Nobody in America, regardless of his high position, can realize all the war means to us.

"With Germany in the saddle, a temporary victory is unthinkable. Before the war can end Germany must be made to admit she was wrong.

"We can begin peace talk only when Germany is beaten to her knees."

The Emperor's Order.

Endorsing the order issued by Emperor Nicholas on December 25, to the Russian army, the new daily newspaper Volla says: "The emperor has stated Russia's war aims—matters whose realization are vital for Russia and are unanimously approved by her allies. We hope France and Britain will follow Russia's example and will formulate publicly without delay the special ends which they seek from the war."

## SIX ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF COLLISION

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Latest reports state that six men were killed and five others more or less seriously injured as the result of the collision between the fast Toronto and Montreal express and the local Cornwall train on the C. P. R. last night. The fast express was running about an hour late and through some misunderstanding the Cornwall local got on to the main line just ahead of the fast train which does not stop between Smith's Falls and Verdun. The local had just got under way after leaving Burlington Junction when the big express came up behind it, going on the same track in the same direction but moving about twice as fast. The great locomotive of the fast train ploughed into the rear coach of the other train, and before it was stopped it had cut through two coaches. Both were demolished, took fire and burned up. The killed and injured were all on the Cornwall local. Nobody on the fast train was injured, not even the engineer or fireman. Neither did the train leave the rails.

The dead—Sandy Grant and Louis Grant, of Lancaster; Matthew Demoulin, of Williamstown, and William Finton, of Cornwall, conductor of the wrecked train.

The injured are J. McCullough, of Glenbrook; Michael Malloy, of Smith's Falls, bridge and building master of the C. P. R.; Express Messenger Lavallee, of Montreal; E. C. Stannour, of North Lancaster, and an unknown man. All the injured were brought to hospitals in Montreal for treatment and it was stated this morning were doing well and would probably recover.

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## LETTER IS FORGERY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—George C. Cafandaris, former minister of the interior of Greece, now representing the Venizelos provisional government in this country, to-day declared a published letter attributed to Venizelos calling for extreme efforts to bring Greece into the war on the side of the allies to be a forgery.

## TEN YEARS FOR CAPLAN.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—David Caplan, last of the four alleged dynamiters brought to trial for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building on Oct. 1, 1916, and the death of 29 men, was sentenced to-day to 10 years in San Quentin on a charge of manslaughter.

## INTERVIEWS ITALIAN MINISTER.

Rome, Dec. 28.—United States Ambassador Page had a long interview with Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, to-day in regard to President Wilson's note. Mr. Page emphasized the friendly spirit which moved Mr. Wilson to address the powers.

## THREE PERISH IN FIRE.

St. Michel de Naperville, Que., Dec. 28.—Three children of R. Lahaye, Paul, Anita and Annette, aged respectively 4, 3 and 18 months, were burned to death yesterday in a fire that destroyed their home. The parents were away when the fire started.

New term, January 2; get particulars, Sprout-Shaw Institute.

## DANGER OF BREAK WITH GERMANY

There is Growing Feeling of Dissatisfaction in Washington

## BERLIN SUSPECTED OF IGNORING PLEDGES

New York, Dec. 28.—In a dispatch from Washington to the New York World, a newspaper which is a strong supporter of the Wilson administration, Henry N. Hall makes the unqualified statement: "That the danger of a United States-German break lies behind the peace moves of the Kaiser and president."

Throughout the latter part of November and early in December, the World says, evidence accumulated at the state department that created grave doubts as to whether Germany was respecting the submarine pledges given to the United States after the German foreign office was able effectively to prevent the recurrence of breaches of the rules of cruiser warfare, including visit and search, by commanders of German submarines.

This tension was very considerably increased by reports received from commander Walter R. Gherardi, the United States naval attaché in Berlin, to the effect that Germany was building large and powerful type and had from 70 to 80 of these in course of construction. Information also was forthcoming that Germany was about to resume a ruthless submarine campaign.

Furthermore, no answer could be obtained from Count von Bernstorff or from Berlin to the American note asking what punishment had been meted out to the commander of the submarine which had sunk the Sussex.

Hin Decorated.

As a matter of fact, it has since been unofficially ascertained that this officer, who already wore the Iron Cross, was rewarded for his deed by the Order Pour le Merite, the highest decoration in the gift of the Kaiser.

Early in December a majority of President Wilson's cabinet had become convinced that it would be impossible to take the line of action threatened in the Sussex note, in which the United States declared: "Unless the imperial government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, the government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether."

President Wilson was determined to do everything humanly possible to keep the United States out of war, and he fully realized that a rupture of relations with Germany and the giving of passports to Ambassador von Bernstorff inevitably would lead to an immediate resumption of ruthless submarine warfare, in which even American ships would be sunk, leaving this country no alternative but to go to war.

Willfully Misinterpreted.

The German reply to Mr. Wilson's note, the World says, "has produced a growing feeling of dissatisfaction in administration circles and leaves in the official mind, a sense of keen disappointment that the spirit of the president's message should have been willfully misinterpreted by the Kaiser's government."

Germany's most contemptuous disregard of the president's inquiry, the unmistakable inference that neutrals are not concerned with the kind of peace that the warring nations may make, and the flat statement that great work of preventing future war cannot be begun until after the present struggle, all seem to be aimed at the position taken by the government of the United States.

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## OILFIELDS ARE USELESS TO ENEMY

London, Dec. 28.—Speaking to-day at a meeting of the Roumanian consolidated oil fields, William R. Rutherford, member of parliament from Liverpool, said that probably the value of the oilfields destroyed by the allies in the Roumanian retreat amounted to £30,000,000. It was a wholesale destruction, he said, carried on by a British military mission acting under the instruction of headquarters. This work, he added, rendered the property and the stock utterly useless to the foe. The oil wells of German companies met a similar fate, he said.

## DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS DISCUSSED

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is understood here that Ambassador Gerard, at his conference with Foreign Secretary Zimmerman, laid fully before him the views of the United States on the deportations of Belgians and on the latest proposals of the submarine situation. Mr. Gerard was under instructions to do so when he left Washington.

## HUN OFFICER DECORATED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Announcement is made in the Berlin papers that the Order of Merit has been conferred on Capt. Valentiner, commander of a German submarine, for sinking 123 ships of a total tonnage of 282,000.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

## NOT PREPARED TO MAKE REPARATION

French Writer Says Berlin Note Was Manoeuvre to Embarrass Entente

Paris, Dec. 28.—Jean Herbet, one of the soundest of the political writers on the French press, urges in the Echo de Paris that no reply be sent to the German note, as President Wilson's proposal has given rise to a new situation since the communication from Berlin was received.

M. Herbet quotes from the German official press published during the last fortnight to show that Germany is not prepared to consider the making of reparations or giving of guarantees. He says the sending of the Berlin note was only a manoeuvre to embarrass the entente and asks why the allies should allow Germany to escape the embarrassment in which President Wilson's note has plunged her. He continues: "For Mr. Wilson's note embarrasses Germany. It suggests public explanations, which Germany does not wish to give at any price. The allies are facing two questions: One, the American president questions in good faith; the other, the German Kaiser—in bad faith. Let them explain openly to his critics and trickeries: How can we make Mr. Wilson understand that we cannot talk with Germany if we begin by replying to the Kaiser?"

Constantine Receives Note.

Athens, Dec. 28.—Garrett Dropers, the American minister to Greece, today communicated to the Serbian and Greek governments the peace overtures of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, and also the suggestion made by President Wilson to the belligerents urging them to define their aims. King Constantine is considering the question of personally replying to the president's suggestion.

## ARGENTINA'S WHEAT HARVEST.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Argentina's wheat harvest this year will be one of the poorest the country ever has seen, due to injury by drought and locusts. Consular reports received to-day said the amount of wheat available for export this year will total not more than 1,000,000 tons. Nominally two and a half million tons are exported. Cereal prices in the republic are the highest ever known.

## TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Wheat closed lower for December and for down for May. Oats were down for December and for down for May. Barley was unchanged to 20 higher. Flax was down for December and for down for May.

The market was quiet and listless with the holiday spirit pervading the floor. The trade was in the hands of the scalpers. The volume of trade was very light and the ranges narrow. Peace talk had little effect on the market, being partially offset by the report of further export trade in the American markets. The cash market was dead for all grains. Prices are balanced on the May, but all contract grades are being sold, but Nos. 2 and 6 were the only grades to show inquiry.

## NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By Wise & Co.)

Commodity	High	Low	Close
Ames Holden	20	20	20
Do, pref.	67	67	67
Bell Telephone	146	146	146
Brazilian Traction	16	16	16
B. C. Elec.	64	64	64
Can. Cement, com.	63	63	63
Do, pref.	56	56	56
Can. Car. Ely., com.	36	36	36
Do, pref.	71	71	71
Can. S. S., com.	36	36	36
Do, pref.	90	90	90
Can. Locomotive	116	116	116
Can. Cottons	55	55	55
Can. Gen. Elec.	111	111	111
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	81	81	81
Cons. M. & S.	34	34	34
Detroit Cable	127	127	127
Dom. Bridge	162	162	162
Dom. I. & S.	64	64	64
Lake of Woods Milling	125	125	125
Macdonald	123	123	123
N. S. Steel, com.	110	110	110
Olivette Milling Co.	180	180	180
Penmans, Ltd.	114	114	114
Twin City Electric	37	37	37
Winnipeg Paper	121	121	121
Spanish River Pulp	121	121	121
Steel of Can.	65	65	65
Do, pref.	100	100	100
Toronto Railway	73	73	73
Twin City Electric	37	37	37
Winnipeg Electric	36	36	36
Wayagamac Pulp	90	90	90
Dom. War Loan (old)	94	94	94
Dom. War Loan (new)	94	94	94

## CHICAGO MARKET STRONG AT CLOSE

(By W. & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat opened at a point lower, but was firm to-day and well supported with buying for export. May wheat opened with a range of 174 to 176, and early in the day sold down to 174. The close was stronger, closing around 174. Corn and oats practically were unchanged. Liverpool: Spot wheat, 48 to 49. Higher; corn, 14 to 14. Higher. Canadian: Higher wheat increase 15, 25, 30 bushels.

## WHEAT—

Dec.	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	172 1/2	173 1/2	172 1/2	173 1/2
May	109 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2
Oct.	109 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2

## CORN—

Dec.	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2
May	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
Oct.	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2

## WHEAT—

Dec.	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	174 1/2	175 1/2	174 1/2	175 1/2
May	174 1/2	175 1/2	174 1/2	175 1/2
Oct.	174 1/2	175 1/2	174 1/2	175 1/2

## BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$28,129,841, compared with \$24,223,899 in the same week last year and \$15,788,719 in 1914.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The bank clearings for the week ending to-day totaled \$72,085,107, compared with \$58,048,719 in the corresponding week last year.

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. Ltd.)

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The steel shares, Cement and Dominion Bridge were sharply lower to-day in sympathy with the weaker Wall Street market. The balance of the market was fractionally lower, with a few stocks closing as good as last night's finals. The rumors regarding peace seem to be the dominant factors in determining the immediate market movements, and until something definite is known regarding the probability of early peace the trend of prices will be uncertain, with erratic fluctuations.

High, Low, Close.

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Do, pref.	67	67	67
Bell Telephone	146	146	146



## DEPARTMENT INQUIRY TO CONCLUDE TO-DAY

Inspector Lancaster Gives Testimony on Own Behalf; Argument to Be Heard

The health department inquiry is expected to finish to-day. Chief Inspector Lancaster gave evidence this morning on the charges alleged against himself. He specifically denied the allegations.

The cross-examination by Dr. G. A. B. Hall, health officer, naturally generated considerable warmth, Inspector Lancaster objecting to the character of the questions.

Alderman Peden wanted to know what charges F. A. McDiarmid had to prefer against him as chairman of the committee. The subject, however, was not pursued.

It was stated that the arguments of counsel would be heard this afternoon.

At the outset of the proceedings this morning some discussion arose as to the order of the evidence to be given by the city solicitor to Mr. McDiarmid, apparently indicating the nature of the charges already outlined.

Dr. Hall stated that his conversation with Mr. Hamilton had been misunderstood. He did not wish to have the statements contained in the letter used as his official summary of the charges. He made no formal charges, in fact, simply had information to give.

Mr. Hamilton explained the circumstances under which the letter was sent, saying that the inspector's solicitor had required the written charges, which he was entitled to receive.

Dr. Hall: "I disclaim any responsibility for this letter." The doctor, however, went on that since the council had decided to hold an inquiry he was quite willing to go on, but all he had offered the solicitor was a list of witnesses who were prepared to come forward.

Mr. McDiarmid pointed out that he was acting entirely on the allegations against the inspector lodged in the letter. Had he known that the question would be not that the inspector was guilty of grafting, but that the work was satisfactory he would have taken an absolutely different line of defence.

The committee showed an impatience to get on with the evidence, whereupon Mr. McDiarmid observed that he had no intention of being coerced by the committee.

The chairman, Alderman Bell, observed that it would soon be shown who was running the inquiry.

Eventually the committee decided to hear the statement of the inspector, when Alderman Cameron stated that after Inspector Lancaster had been heard the committee might take up other matters.

Inspector Lancaster.

Mr. Lancaster gave a categorical denial to the allegations of appropriation. The towels were all used in the baths at the office. With regard to the lumber—the piece of cedar in question—it was at the market building, and Inspector Higgins drew his attention to the fact that Hodgson, the city carpenter, was cutting it up for polling booth purposes. When the 12 feet board originally came from the mill it was 18 feet long, six feet of which were bad, and were not charged for by the mill. The bad end, six feet long, was taken at his request to witness's home in James Bay. Then with regard to the coal oil, it was still at the office. The paint alleged to have been taken had been used in 1914 at the Cook street tank, since removed at request of residents of the district.

He explained the use of various materials in the fumigating room. The missing axe, nails, etc., were sent to Clover Point tank, at the time he bought the rope for the same place. Lancaster, continuing, said that he took, with this city property, some of his tools intending to do some work

there. Later, he received information from Messrs. King and Smith that there had been a robbery of articles from the tank. On an investigation he found the articles were missing.

Mr. Lancaster went on to explain the use to which cheese cloth was put, and stated that the mops and other articles were brought into service as needed. He paid no particular attention to the consumption of various office supplies. As to the stovepipe he was alleged to have taken, the actual piece bought came from Walter Wilson, and was still in stock.

Alderman Cameron wanted to know why witness had undertaken to build the place at Clover Point himself, and was answered that it was only a small place, for which he had the lumber in hand, and would have been in addition to the tank proper.

Alderman Porter remarked that the engineering department had not considered the shelter necessary.

Mr. McDiarmid said the issue was not whether the building was necessary or not, but whether the supplies bought had been actually used for city property.

Witness then went into other details of the small articles alleged to have been stolen. He specifically denied any thefts.

Fumigation Question.

In regard to the Saanich school board account, witness put in a letter from the clerk of the council dated August 1, asking him to have Royal Oak school fumigated. The bill for \$3.01 was made up of \$2.50 for transportation, and 51 cents for material, but nothing was charged for his time, for which he was entitled to receive 50 cents an hour. Therefore the bill was changed accordingly. He could produce the jitney driver. The amount for fumigation material had been paid back to the city.

"Why?" asked the chairman, "did you send the bill out in your name, when it was a public city matter?"

Witness responded that the desire was to accede to a personal request made to him. Had he known it ought to go out from the board of health, he would have billed it in that way.

"One of the complaints of the doctor," said Mr. McDiarmid, "is that you do not consult him."

Witness replied in the affirmative, putting in a list of letters from the city clerk to the sanitary inspector, going over the head of the doctor, and dealing directly with him, as regarding sanitary as opposed to medical health officer's duties.

Mr. McDiarmid said the inspector was personally responsible under the statutory provisions, directly to the council, in the office of sanitary inspector.

Witness claimed he had carried out all the verbal orders received from the doctor.

Inspector Lancaster went on to deal with the allegations of decreasing expenditure in the department in the past two years, which had been stated to be peculiar. He claimed that the stock in hand, the spirit of retrenchment, declining demand of materials for disinfection purposes, and for janitorial service, all led to decreased expenditure.

Dr. Hall cross-examined the witness at length. To most of the suggestions Lancaster gave absolute denials. To the allegation that he was responsible for driving away the late caretaker of the Causeway Comfort station, he replied by producing a letter from Scotland addressed "Dear friend." Did that seem that they were unfriendly?

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## THOUSANDS MORE OF IRISH WILL ENLIST

Sir Horace Plunkett Believes at Least 150,000 Will Yet Volunteer

Sir Horace Plunkett, founder of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society, and one of the best known farmers in the United Kingdom, arrived in New York last week, having taken the sea trip for the benefit of his health. He looks for a provisional settlement of the Irish question which will bring the island into closer harmony with England, and he believes that between 130,000 and 150,000 men will yet be raised in Ireland for the defence of the empire.

In the course of an interview which he gave to the New York Sun Sir Horace said:

"At the start of the war political conditions affecting Ireland were so acute that the people were almost paralyzed. The importance of the struggle, Ireland has since been awakening to the real significance of the war and she will respond with the fullest requirements of patriotism when this education has spread further."

"I do not believe recruiting in Ireland has gone on as it should. There has been mishandling of the Irish question by men whose understanding of Ireland was not gained on Irish soil. Through the awakening of patriotism the difficulty will be solved, and I believe between 130,000 and 150,000 more men will enlist."

"Conscription is impracticable and I do not believe it could be carried through. More soldiers would be required to attempt to carry it out than would be realized by the levy. But when Irishmen have lost their local point of view and have been afforded an opportunity to gauge the importance of the struggle unaffected by political prejudices it will be impossible to keep them from the continent."

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## FLOUR QUOTATIONS STILL FLUCTUATING

Price Jumped Again Yesterday Making Commodity Worth \$10 Per Barrel

The unstable and erratic character of the flour market during the last few months shows very little evidence of improvement. Yesterday a further jump of twenty cents per barrel occurred, making the price to the retail merchant now \$10. On December 15, it may be recalled, the price dropped seventy cents, the next day, however, returning within twenty cents of the price at which it stood before that date. On Friday last, December 22, it increased a further twenty, this making the price just about where it stood on Tuesday, December 12, when the first drop brought the price down from \$10.50 to \$9.10. There is still some slight cause for satisfaction in the knowledge that the price is still within eighty cents of where it stood about the end of November, when \$10.80 per barrel was being quoted.

The following gives some slight indication of the vagaries of the market during the last few weeks. The first big slide downwards, it will be noted, occurred simultaneously with Germany's so-called peace proposals on December 11:

November 26	\$10.80
December 5	10.50
December 12	10.10
December 13	9.80
December 15	9.10
December 16	9.50
December 22	10.00
December 27	10.00

The flour quotations are based on the fluctuations of the wheat market. December wheat closed yesterday at 107 1/2¢. The uncertain nature of the market at the present time has affected the sales quite appreciably, but buying being practically at a standstill, and the consumer purchasing in small quantities just as the need arises.

The men employed in factories where munitions are being made are being asked by the Imperial munitions board of Canada to work on New Year's Day in order that there may be no break in the output. The ammunition is needed, and doubtless the men will all be willing to forego this holiday in order to keep up the supply.

The 5th Regiment, C.G.A., will hold its Christmas dinner this evening at 3307 Macaulay. The arrangements are in the hands of the N.C.O.s and men, who have invited their commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. R. Angus, and his staff officer, Capt. W. Winsby, as well as other officers. The members of the corps will take their seats at 7 o'clock. Not only has a tempting menu been arranged for, but a general programme will follow which will provide entertainment.

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O'Connell. He said that, up to the present, five coupons have been found bearing the right total, namely, 3,173. They bear the names of Mrs. F. C. Crawford, 1471 Fairfield road; Miss B. Crawford, 1471 Fairfield road; Gordon C. Miller, of Shortt, Hill & Duncan; R. J. Jameson, of Courtenay and Gordon streets; and R. R. Hudson, 540 Fuller avenue. The estimates are to be scrutinized again before a definite decision is reached as to what procedure is to be adopted under the circumstances.

LOCAL SHINGLE MILL  
Plant is to Be Reconstructed at Rock Bay Avenue at Cost of \$10,000.

On a new site the Victoria shingle mill is to be erected, a building permit having been issued yesterday. The fire destroyed the old-established plant on the creek, Selkirk Water, some months ago, and McCarter Brothers propose to build near the Rock Bay end of Rock Bay avenue, just west of the Lemon-Gonson mill.

The building will be of two stories, with the usual equipment for a shingle mill, and the amount of the permit is \$10,000. The company will carry out its own construction.

Col. Charles Flick, organizer of the British Columbia Horse, who is well known here and in other parts of the province, and who was decorated with the Cross of St. Michael and St. George last week, has been invalided home from Mesopotamia, suffering from sunstroke, but is recovering and expects to return to his work next month.

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## ALDERMEN HEAR OF DEPARTMENT'S DUTIES

Civic Inquiry Into Health  
Branch Shows Conditions  
Over Long Period

Yesterday afternoon the inquiry into the health department administration continued, with the expectation of concluding the evidence on the following day.

The aldermen learnt with surprise that a considerable amount of fumigating work has been done for the military by the department, and Alderman Fullerton undertook to have the matter brought up in council in order that a claim may be embodied in the statement now being presented to the Dominion authorities for use of, and damage to city properties by the military encamped in the Victoria district in the last two and a half years.

The afternoon session opened with the testimony of G. W. Allison, in witness where he was sworn. He testified that he was not warned by Inspector Lancaster at the time of the Market contract for cans that they might come short, and therefore should be switched to see if invoices agreed with the deliveries. Neither was anything said as to seeing that the metal was up-to-standard. Personally he was satisfied all cans ordered had been delivered. He produced a notebook of the summer of 1911, showing the deliveries made in that and the following year, 7,336 cans in all, 664 cans being short, probably some record which was not in his list, and which doubtless had been delivered at some date. The next order was for 2,000 cans, and his tally agreed, the delivery date being early in 1913, January 25, according to the diary.

Mr. McDiarmid said from that it was obvious that the letter of the inspector to the contractor, dated in January, 1913, must have reference to the second order, all of which were delivered.

In answer to Alderman Cameron no receipts were given for cans distributed to householders. No instructions had been issued to that effect.

Mr. Allison, in further answer to Alderman Cameron, said he had gone on record against cans being issued without stamping, as a consequence of which there was no check on the issue of extra cans to householders. Witness observed that in the time when the health department controlled the garbage, extra cans were allowed free, now any cans after the first one had to be paid for.

This closed the doctor's case.

The Defence.

"Then there are no further charges to meet beyond those outlined," said Mr. McDiarmid.

Alderman Cameron was opposed to the committee going on record as having completed any section of its duty yet.

Alderman Porter also agreed that the committee did not consider itself to be bound by the charges, but being an inquiry, it should continue till all matters were sifted.

Alderman Peden, chairman of the health committee, was called by Mr. McDiarmid.

The latter explained that except for minor charges against Mr. Lancaster about the cedar board, and the cheese cloth, etc., there was no charge against the inspector. It had been suggested that Mr. Lancaster had not been doing his duty, and to show that was not the case, he proposed to put in evidence to prove that Mr. Lancaster had been discharging his duties satisfactorily, a thing which some other officials of the department had not.

Mr. McDiarmid was halted at this stage by the doctor, who stated that the lawyer must put in charges if he intended to make insinuations against him.

Mr. McDiarmid ignored the remarks and then went on to read monthly reports from the sanitary inspector to the doctor covering the departmental duties.

He explained that these reports had not been transmitted to the chairman of the health committee, nor to the council, therefore the council could not know what was being carried on there.

Dr. Hall was not prepared to admit that all the work set out in the January report had been done. Having tendered the reports, he offered to read them all.

The chairman: We are willing to take them as read.

Mr. McDiarmid: That is just what you have as a council shown too much inclination to do. No one knows what the sanitary inspector is doing. Hence it is easy to commence departmental troubles.

Fumigation Charges.

He then read an extract from the April report, and asked if there was any order of the council for fumigation of battalion premises, clothing, etc.

The answer was in the negative.

However the chairman, Alderman Bell, said an itemized account of the claims against the Dominion government had been furnished to the government, but hitherto no settlement had been secured.

From further discussion it developed that the amount for fumigating had not been charged up in this account.

Council then resumed the task of putting in the monthly report, and having completed the present year went back to 1915.

"Notice the difference in size," commented the doctor.

"It did not appear to make much difference anyway," said Mr. McDiarmid.

The counsel laid emphasis on the July report of 1915, covering the month of June during which it was alleged that Mr. Lancaster had been away most of the time.

Then jumped up Dr. Hall: "Who does those things," he queried. "At that

time we had four inspectors in the department."

"Your books should show you," answered Mr. McDiarmid.

Mr. McDiarmid completed the list for 1915, and then offered the previous reports 1913 to 1914, which were taken as read.

Alderman Peden said he had no complaints to make as to the way in which the inspector had done his work. "I knew they could not get efficiency out of the department in the way it was constituted," he added, pressed by Dr. Hall.

Alderman Peden said he had stated to members of the health committee that there was no harmony in the department.

"I am quite ready to admit that Dr. Hall has never loved Mr. Lancaster since the year 1910," remarked Mr. McDiarmid.

"You have no right to make that statement," retorted Dr. Hall.

Mrs. Lancaster was called to explain that the chesscloth used at Cordova Bay came from her home, was purchased by her personally. Her husband was not well during the summer of 1915, and was receiving medical advice.

Hutchinson Hodgson, who has done general carpentering work for the city, was called to clear up the question of the board alleged to have been taken. He used a board in connection with the construction of the building which Mr. Lancaster claimed as his property, then in the market building.

James Smith, employed at the Clover Point tank, stated that for a considerable period thefts had taken place from the tank. With regard to the missing rope, it had been sent there he thought for hauling logs from the beach. He remembered that the rope had a similar appearance to the missing one.

The committee adjourned till next day, at this stage, with the announcement that there would be two more witnesses.

WARD VII. RATEPAYERS

Election of Gorge District Endorse

Candidature of Councilor Borden for Reeve.

The Ward VII. Sanich Ratepayers' Association met last evening at the Gorge Presbyterian church. There had been an adjournment from an earlier meeting, but although the intention was to elect the officers of the association at this gathering, it was decided to delay action until the meeting appointed by the Sanich council for hearing candidates, which falls on January 10.

Under these circumstances, and with the assurance that the subject of municipal affairs will be more fully entered into then, the councilors present addressed the ratepayers.

Motions endorsing the candidature of Councilor Borden for reeve and Councilor Diggon for re-election for the ward were carried. Both addressed the meeting, and dealt with the water frontage rate question. Councilor Borden said he would welcome any feasible proposal to reduce the tax next year. Councilor Diggon explained the details of his plan, but would be pleased to support any proposals which would lead to improving the scheme.

Like Councilor Borden, he thought a fixed annual frontage rate would be best. The representatives also referred to the assistance given by owners to carry out the widening of Gorge road preparatory to paving. He pointed out that by the donation of land they had greatly facilitated the improvement of the roadway.

**BILLY SUNDAY IS NOW INCORPORATED**

Is the Stock-in-Trade of an Eastern Company With Strong Financial Backing

Billy Sunday has become incorporated and is now a joint stock company. There was organized in New York about ten days ago the William A. Sunday Evangelistic Association, Incorporated, and on Wednesday last the board of directors met and elected officers for the coming year. Billy has no place on the board, being simply the stock-in-trade, "the business," or "goodwill" or whatever it is that the corporation is formed to own or control.

James M. Speers, president of James McCutcheon & Co., is the president of the corporation; Stephen Baker, president of the Bank of Manhattan Company, was elected first vice-president; Rev. C. L. Goodell, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, second vice-president; E. E. Olcott, president of the Hudson River Day Line, treasurer; Rev. Dr. Henry Cobb, pastor of West End Collegiate church, secretary.

The president appointed a finance committee of 17 and an executive committee of 25, the first to have supervision of the raising and disbursing of money, and the second to have general supervision of the "vast work to be undertaken by the association." The chairman of the finance committee is Arthur H. Harris, and among its members are John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and George W. Perkins. The president is taking charge of the other committee himself.

Englishmen still eat less bread and more meat than most other civilized races, and in former times the proportion was even greater than now. As late as the middle of the eighteenth century England was able to export grain, not because of plentiful harvests, but because the home consumption was so small. A French traveler in 1765 estimated that "an amount of bread that would scarcely be enough for a Frenchman of average appetite would suffice three hungry Englishmen."—London Chronicle.

## C.N.R. IS REACHING OUT FOR BUSINESS

New Method of Transportation Being Adopted to Serve Coast Industries

"We have two ferry barges in commission and another on the stocks at Port Mann," said a prominent official of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway when discussing transportation problems yesterday. "There is also the big steel ferry which is practically completed at Quebec. It is waiting for machinery and may have to wait for some time."

"What will you do with the three small barges when the big one goes into commission?" was asked.

"They will be used for other work in connection with the collection and delivery of freight for the Canadian Northern Pacific traffic. You see the old ideas of transportation are passing away and new methods are being used. To-day any mill or factory that is on the water front is better located than it would be if the railway ran beside it, for it has all the advantages of water transportation and is also connected with the railways by means of these barges of which I speak. All that is needed is a landing slip in order to give every mill railway advantages."

"Take these inland waters around the Straits of Georgia. There are many lumber mills and other industries, and in the near future many more will spring up at various points. Our company will make a feature of collecting the loaded cars with the barges which we have built and are building and will take them to the terminal at Port Mann much more cheaply than they could be taken there over a branch line of railway."

"Already our company is doing business in the manner in which I have outlined. We are carrying the products of the Imperial Oil Company, and as soon as the lumber mills get their slips in we can deliver them cars and collect the loaded ones just as fast as they want. See what it means to these concerns to find themselves linked up with the railway systems."

It will be remembered that at recent meetings of the board of trade it was suggested that the cheapest way to serve the warehouses on Victoria harbor was by means of ferries just such as that described. It was pointed out that a small barge could pass around the waterfront delivering loaded cars and picking up empties much better than the work could be done by a railway, and far cheaper.

The pulp mills, smelters, mines and industrial concerns that may be established in the near future may all be served in a similar manner. There is no limit to the service and there is no roadbed to keep in condition or right-of-way to purchase. This coast, with its numerous fjords and harbors will reap all the advantages of a natural and cheap means of transportation.

**ESQUIMALT ELECTION**

P. D. Johnson Will Not Stand for Office; T. H. Slater is Still Undecided.

Conditions in regard to the coming elections in the Esquimalt municipality are more indefinite than they were last week. Nomination day in the district has been set for January 8, and the election takes place on the following Saturday, the 13th.

P. D. Johnson has decided not to run in Ward II. This has complicated matters more than ever owing to the fact that no one, as yet, has stated his willingness to stand for election to fill the vacancy. T. H. Slater is still undecided as to whether or not he will stand for nomination. John Jardine and Mr. Mantrop have been approached with a view to getting their consent to stand for office, but as yet they have given no definite replies.

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